

Tornado death confirmed as violent storms smack the South

COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) — Weekend storms raked parts of the Southeast, leaving deaths and injuries in their wake as a tornado smashed into a commercial district in a small Mississippi city and drenching rains fed a rising flood threat.

A woman was killed when a tornado hit Columbus, Mississippi, and a man died when he drove into floodwaters in Tennessee, officials said.

Columbus Mayor Robert Smith Sr. said 41-year-old Ashley Glynell Pounds of Tupelo and her husband were renovating a house Saturday evening, and

when the husband went to get them something to eat, the building collapsed in the storm and killed her.

Smith said 12 other people were injured, but the injuries did not appear to be major. City spokesman Joe Dillon said the tornado also seriously damaged a school and two community center buildings.

"There was pretty extensive damage," Dillon said Sunday, a day after the Columbus twister struck. "But the streets today have been filled with workers and volunteers, all working hard to clean up the mess."

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A child plays around the podium that was virtually undamaged or moved in the tornado that destroyed First Pentecostal Church in Columbus, Miss., Sunday morning, Feb. 24, 2019.

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Congress mulls cap on what Medicare enrollees pay for drugs

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — With health care a top issue for American voters, Congress may actually be moving toward doing something this year to address the high cost of prescription drugs. President Donald Trump, Democrats trying to retire him in 2020, and congressional incumbents of both parties all say they want action. Democrats and Republicans are far apart on whether to empower Medicare to negotiate prices, but there's enough overlap to allow for agreement in other areas.

High on the list is capping out-of-pocket costs for participants in Medicare's popular Part D prescription drug program, which has a loophole that's left some beneficiaries with bills rivaling a mortgage payment. The effort to cap out-of-pocket costs in Medicare's prescription plan is being considered as part of broader legislation to restrain drug prices.

Limits on high medical and drug bills are already part of most employer-based and private insurance. They're called "out-of-pocket maximums" and are required under the Obama-era health law for in-network services. But Medicare has remained an outlier even as prices have soared for potent new brand-name drugs, as well as older mainstays such as insulin.

"The issue has my attention," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the



Retired public school teacher Gail Orcutt, of Altoona, Iowa, looks over some of the prescription drugs she takes, Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, in Altoona, Iowa.

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Senate Finance Committee, which oversees Medicare. "Out-of-pocket costs are a concern of ours, particularly at the catastrophic level." His committee has summoned CEOs from seven pharmaceutical companies to a hearing Tuesday.

While Grassley said he hasn't settled on a specific approach, the committee's top Democrat, Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, recently introduced legislation that would cap out-of-pocket costs at about \$2,650 for Medicare beneficiaries taking brand-name drugs. One co-sponsor is Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a Democratic presidential candidate.

In Des Moines, Iowa, retired special education teacher Gail Orcutt is battling ad-

vanced lung cancer due to radon exposure. Although she has Medicare prescription coverage, she paid \$2,600 in January for her cancer medication and will pay about \$750 monthly for the rest of the year. She said it cost more last year for a different drug — \$3,200 initially and then about \$820 monthly.

Someday her current drug may stop working, said Orcutt, and then she'd have to go on a different medication. "What if that is two or three times what I'm paying now?" she said. "It's not sustainable. The country needs more problem-solving for the common good and not the corporate bottom line."

At a recent House Ways and Means Committee hearing, three expert wit-

nesses with varied policy views concurred on limiting drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries. "This is still the only program that does not provide that protection to its beneficiaries," testified economist Joe Antos of the business-oriented American Enterprise Institute. The House committee also oversees Medicare.

Before the hearing, the committee's chairman and top Republican released a joint statement unusual in polarized times: "We agree that the time is now to take meaningful action to lower the cost of prescription drugs in the U.S. health care system," said Reps. Richard Neal, D-Mass., and Kevin Brady, R-Texas.

John Rother of the National Coalition on Health Care is a longtime participant in

national health care debates, and his organization represents a cross-section of interest groups. "There is a common recognition of a problem, and also a sense that they want to move something this year," he said.

At issue is the Medicare prescription benefit's "catastrophic" protection. Experts say it was intended as a safeguard but isn't working that way, either for beneficiaries or taxpayers.

Catastrophic protection was enacted before the advent of drugs costing \$1,000 a pill. It kicks in after beneficiaries have spent about \$5,100 on medications, under a complex formula.

After that, the beneficiary is only responsible for 5 percent of the cost of the medication, and taxpayers' share rises to 80 percent. The patient's insurer covers the remaining 15 percent.

The problem for beneficiaries is that there's no dollar limit to what they must pay. For example, 5 percent of a drug that costs \$200,000 a year works out to \$10,000. Numerous experts also say there's a problem for taxpayers. Generally, the Medicare prescription benefit is financed with a mix of government subsidies and beneficiary premiums. But in the catastrophic portion, most of the bill is passed directly to taxpayers. That neutralizes the incentive for insurers to negotiate lower prices with drugmakers. Catastrophic is the fastest growing cost for Medicare's Part D. □

Trump extends China tariff deadline, cites progress in talks

By **PAUL WISEMAN AND CATHERINE LUCEY**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said Sunday he will extend a deadline to escalate tariffs on Chinese imports, citing "substantial progress" in weekend talks between the two countries.

Trump tweeted that there had been "productive talks," adding that "I will be delaying the U.S. increase in tariffs now scheduled for

March 1."

Trump said that if negotiations progress, he will meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping at his Florida resort to finalize an agreement. U.S. and Chinese negotiators met through the weekend as they seek to resolve a trade war that's rattled financial markets.

Trump had warned he would escalate the tariffs he has imposed on \$200 billion in Chinese imports,

from 10 to 25 percent, if the two sides failed to reach a deal. The increase was scheduled to take effect at 12:01 a.m. EST on March 2. The world's two biggest economies have been locked in a conflict over U.S. allegations that China steals technology and forces foreign companies to hand over trade secrets in an aggressive push to challenge American technological dominance.

The two countries have slapped import taxes on hundreds of billions of dollars of each other's goods. The conflict has shaken financial markets and clouded the outlook for the global economy, putting pressure on Trump and Xi to reach a deal.

"Trump clearly wants a deal and so do the Chinese, which certainly raises the probability that the two sides will come to some sort

of negotiated agreement, even if it is a partial one, in the coming weeks," said Cornell University economist Eswar Prasad, former head of the International Monetary Fund's China division.

But business groups and lawmakers in Congress want to see a comprehensive deal that forces the Chinese to change their behavior and can be enforced. □

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In Knox County, Tennessee, officials said a man died after his vehicle became submerged in high water. Saturday afternoon's tornado in Columbus was confirmed on radar, said meteorologist Anna Wolverton with the National Weather Service in Jackson. She told The Associated Press that experts were dispatched Sunday to the east Mississippi city of about 23,000 people to gauge the tornado's intensity. Officials said a second, smaller twister damaged a mobile home and a shed and snapped trees in a small community in the region that same afternoon as severe storms rolled through.

At First Pentecostal Church in Columbus, the Rev. Steve Blaylock said the building was "a total loss," with a wall pushed in, holes in the roof and substantial water damage. He and his congregants tried to salvage what they could on the morning after the storm. But he said they still held a Sunday prayer service and even went ahead with a scheduled baptism, using a borrowed portable baptismal pool.

"We will rebuild. We've got a good church here," Blaylock said. "It'll be a testimony of God."

Residents of one street on the east side of Columbus were out early Sunday morning with chain saws, clearing away branches of the many trees that had snapped or were uprooted in the storm. Metal siding and roofing materials were scattered throughout the neighborhood of older homes. While the houses

generally remained standing, sheds and outbuildings were mostly demolished. Lee Lawrence, who said he has been selling used cars for decades in Columbus, told The AP that four buildings on his car lot were destroyed. He said trees toppled across vehicles and car windows were blown out.

Lawrence said he was at home getting ready to take a bath when the storm struck.

"The wind all of a sudden just got so strong and it was raining so much you could hardly see out the door, and I could hear a roaring. Evidently it came close," he said, speaking with AP in a phone interview.

"It will be a start-over deal," Lawrence said. "I can't say it will come back better or stronger, but we'll come back." A photographer working for The AP in Columbus said some antique cars on Lawrence's lot were resting in the debris of a destroyed building a nearby pet grooming business appeared now to be mostly twisted piles of metal. A printing shop had been speared by a pipe.

Elsewhere around the South, homes, highways, parks and bridges were flooded or put out of commission amid the heavy rains and severe storms.

News outlets report that water rescues have been performed in some Middle Tennessee counties.

Interstate 40 near the Tennessee line with North Carolina was closed by a rockslide, one of the dozens of roads and highways shut down throughout the region, transportation officials said.

Officials said a mudslide destroyed a Subway restaurant in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. No injuries were reported.

In West Virginia, authorities have evacuated 11 families in the southern part of the state after low-lying areas flooded from heavy rains. Workers cleaned up from mudslides and high wind warnings remained in effect Sunday for much of the state. More than 50,000 customers were without power at one point, emergency officials said, warning driving would be difficult in high winds and more power lines could fall.

In Bruce, Mississippi, rivers broke flood stage and flash



Pastor Steve Blaylock looks over the broken lumber, loose paneling, insulation, and destroyed pews in the First Pentecostal Church in Columbus, Miss., Sunday morning, Feb. 24, 2019 after a Saturday tornado.

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floods poured into homes and businesses. News outlets report that officials in Grenada, Mississippi, declared a local state of emergency after doz-

ens of streets and homes flooded. A 6-mile (9-kilometer) stretch of the Natchez Trace Parkway was closed in Mississippi after water covered part of the road. □



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Rep. Schiff warns of subpoenas, lawsuit over Mueller report

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK** and **HOPE YEN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top House Democrat threatened on Sunday to call special counsel Robert Mueller to Capitol Hill, subpoena documents and sue the Trump administration if the full report on Mueller's Russia investigation is not made public.

Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said his committee will keep close watch on new Attorney General William Barr to see if he were "to try to bury any part of this report." Schiff, D-Calif., also pledged to "take it to court if necessary."

He said anything less than complete disclosure would leave Barr, who now oversees the investigation, with

"a tarnished legacy."

Schiff's comments come as Democrats have made it clear that they are ready for an aggressive, public fight with the Justice Department if they are not satisfied with the level of access they have to Mueller's findings.

Mueller is showing signs of wrapping up his nearly 2-year-old investigation into possible coordination between Trump associates and Russia's efforts to sway the 2016 election. The report isn't expected to be delivered to the Justice Department this coming week.

Barr has said he wants to release as much information as he can. But during his confirmation hearing last month, Barr made



In a Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019 file photo, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., speaks with reporters after his panel voted in a closed session to send more than 50 interview transcripts from its now-closed Russia investigation to special counsel Robert Mueller, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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clear that he will decide what the public sees, and that any report will be in his words, not Mueller's.

Schiff, in a television interview, suggested that anything short of Mueller's full report would not satisfy Democrats. He pointed to a public interest in seeing some of the underlying evidence, such as information gathered from searches conducted on longtime Trump adviser Roger Stone and Paul Manafort, a former Trump campaign chairman.

With Democrats taking control of the House in January and Schiff now the committee chairman, he has undertaken his own investigation. That means re-examining issues covered by a now-closed GOP probe that concluded there was no evidence Trump's campaign conspired with Russia. Schiff has said the committee also will pursue new matters, including whether foreign governments have leverage over Trump, his relatives or associates.

Some Democrats are pointing to documents that Justice Department officials provided to Congress in the wake of the investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails, as well as information that Republicans demanded as

part of their own inquiries.

Schiff said he told department officials after they released information related to the Clinton investigation that "this was a new precedent they were setting and they were going to have to live by this precedent whether it was a Congress controlled by the Democrats or Republicans."

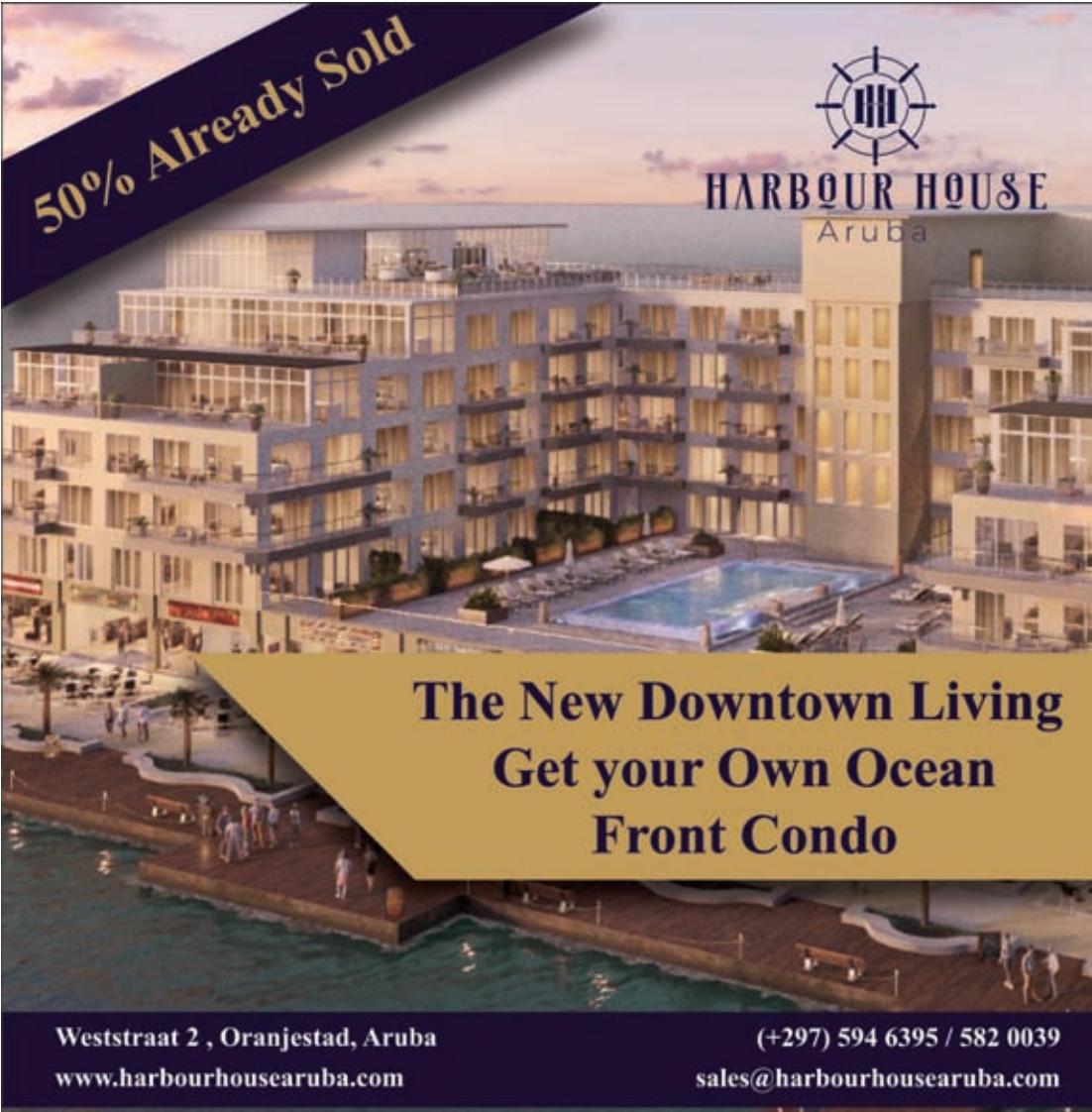
Beyond that, however, is "the intense public need to know here, which I think overrides any other consideration," he said.

Democrats could use Mueller's findings as the basis of impeachment proceedings. In a letter Friday, Democrats warned against withholding information on Trump on the basis of department opinions that the president can't be indicted. "We are going to get to the bottom of this," Schiff said. "If the president is serious about all of his claims of exoneration, then he should welcome the publication of this report."


Many Republicans have also argued that the full report should be released, though most have stopped short of saying it should be subpoenaed.

"We need to get the facts out there, get this behind us in a way that people thought that anybody that should have been talked to was talked to any question that should have been asked, was asked," said Sen. Roy Blunt, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

But asked if he thought there could be a subpoena, Blunt, R-Mo., said, "I don't know that you can." The Senate committee also has been investigating whether Trump's campaign conspired with Russia. Blunt suggested a conclusion in that probe might wait until after Mueller's report. □



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Virginia's Fairfax compares himself to lynching victims

By ALAN SUDERMAN

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Embattled Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax compared himself to Jim Crow-era lynching victims in a surprise speech Sunday, as he resists widespread calls to resign prompted by allegations of sexual assault. Fairfax strongly defended himself and lashed out at his critics from his rostrum in the state Senate as the 2019 legislative session was coming to a close.

"I've heard much about anti-lynching on the floor of this very Senate, where people were not given any due process whatsoever, and we rue that," Fairfax said, referencing legislation the General Assembly passed expressing "profound regret" for lynchings in Virginia between 1877 and 1950.

"And we talk about hundreds, at least 100 terror lynchings that have happened in the Commonwealth of Virginia under those very same auspices. And yet we stand here in a rush to judgment with nothing but accusations and no facts and we decide that we are willing to do the same thing," Fairfax said.

When he finished his five-minute impromptu speech, stunned senators sat in awkward silence.

Fairfax, who is black, has been accused by two women of sexual assault. Both of the alleged victims are African American.

Earlier this month, Vanessa Tyson publicly accused Fairfax of forcing her to perform oral sex in his hotel room during the Democratic National Convention in Boston in 2004. Her lawyer said last week that Tyson plans to meet with prosecutors in Massachusetts to detail her allegations.

Meredith Watson has also publicly accused Fairfax of sexual assault. She issued a statement accusing him of raping her 19 years ago while they were students at

Duke University.

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they are victims of sexual assault, but both women have come forward voluntarily.

House Republicans announced plans Friday to hold a public hearing where Fairfax, Tyson and Watson can testify, a move that Fairfax and some Democrats have panned as a political ploy.

Fairfax has indicated he won't participate in the hearing, leaving it an open question whether Republicans will try to compel him to testify. Fairfax has said the accusations should be investigated by law enforcement.

Republican House Majority Leader Del. Todd Gilbert said Fairfax's comments about lynchings were highly inappropriate.

"That is the worst, most disgusting type of rhetoric he could have invoked," Gil-



Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax shakes the hand of State Sen. Adam Ebbin, D-Alexandria, right, as he exits the floor after the Senate adjourned their 2019 session at the Capitol in Richmond, Va., Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

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bert said. "It's entirely appropriate for him to talk about due process and we would intend to offer him every ounce of it, and he's welcome to take advantage of that anytime he would like."

But black lawmakers did not object to Fairfax's speech.

"He said what he needed to say," said Sen. Mamie Locke.

Virginia Legislative Black Caucus Chairman Del. Lamont Bagby said he's heard similar rhetoric from his constituents, who have expressed concerns that

Fairfax is being treated unfairly because of his race.

Gov. Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring, both Democrats and both white, are embroiled in their own scandal after acknowledging they wore blackface in the 1980s. Northam has also resisted widespread calls to resign and instead said he intends to devote his remaining years in office to addressing the state's deep and lingering racial divisions.

The trio of scandals has rocked Virginia politics and exposed deep divides among Democrats. □

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Unclaimed \$1.5B jackpot mystery: Winner died? Ticket lost?

By JEFFREY COLLINS and REBECCA SANTANA
SIMPSONVILLE, S.C. (AP)

— Nearly everyone in this small South Carolina town has a theory for the city's billion-dollar mystery: Who won the \$1.5 billion Mega Millions jackpot announced last October?

Maybe the winner was so overwhelmed upon seeing the winning numbers that she or he died on the spot? Maybe the winner is on the run from police and fears a background check? Maybe that winning ticket fell from a car visor, ended up in a trash can and is forever buried at the Twin Chimneys Landfill. Or maybe, the winner is still going on with life as usual, before quietly taking the \$878 million lump sum.



With less than two months to go, the clock is ticking.

Whoever won the second largest lottery in U.S. history has until 5 p.m. on April 19 to walk into the South Carolina Lottery office in Columbia with the signed ticket and claim the jackpot.

The winning ticket was sold at the KC Mart in Simpsonville sometime between Oct. 20 and the drawing at 11 p.m. on Oct. 23. Store employee Jee Patel said State Law Enforcement Division agents were waiting in the parking lot when workers came to open at 6 a.m. the next day.

"We didn't even know we sold the winner yet," Patel said, adding agents immediately took the surveillance tapes away. "We haven't seen them. I don't know when we sold it or who we sold it to."

Simpsonville is a rapidly growing suburb of about 22,000 people south of Greenville. The store is away from the suburban core on a two-lane road past the four-way stop and several recently constructed subdivisions. Everyone entering the store on a recent cold winter day figured the winning ticket was sold to someone living or working nearby.

Christian Porchak lives a mile from the KC Mart, where he bought tickets for the big drawing. He felt a brief rush when he heard it sold the winner. Just as quickly, though, his hopes were dashed as

he checked his numbers over — and over — again: "I know I checked every ticket I bought. But there's that nagging feeling that maybe I didn't check every one."

As with all great mysteries, there are some far out conspiracy theories. Chris Watson prepares hot dogs and hamburgers at the KC Mart's grill. He wonders if Mega Millions ever planned to award the jackpot at all, instead using it as an excuse to sell more tickets.

"What I don't understand is why does the money have to go back? Why can't they just use it for another jackpot?" Watson said.

If the ticket goes unclaimed, the \$1.5 billion prize will be redistributed to the 44 states along with the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. One big loser could be South Carolina, which had budgeted a \$61 million income tax windfall from the winner but had to remove that estimate — about 0.5 percent of the state's annual spending plan.

Every taxpayer in South Carolina could have a dinner out on the line. A lawmaker has placed a proposal in the state budget that would give up to a \$50 rebate to each person who files income taxes — but only if the state gets its taxes from the lottery winner. Another big loser would be the store's owner, who

won't receive his \$50,000 bonus if the ticket isn't claimed.

But Patel said the store got a big boost in sales in the weeks after selling the winning ticket and still gets people who think the luck will rub off on them. That's why the half-dozen signs saying "WE SOLD A WINNING MEGA MILLIONS TICKET WORTH \$1.5 BILLION" will stay up, Patel said.

Jackpots, even big ones, have gone unclaimed before. But this one dwarfs them all.

Gordon Medenica, lead director for the Mega Millions consortium, said the biggest Mega Millions jackpot to go unclaimed was a \$68 million prize in 2002. That ticket was sold in New York. Two winning tickets were sold for a \$103.5 million jackpot in 2002 but one ticket — sold in Indiana — was never claimed, said Wendy Ahlm with the New Mexico lottery that currently oversees Powerball.

States differ in how long players have to claim their prizes. Medenica said he wouldn't expect someone to come forward immediately. Winners often first get legal and financial advice, and he'd heard theories that the winner was waiting until 2019 for tax reasons. And in South Carolina, as in a handful of other states, winners can remain anonymous, avoiding publicity.

"Now we're sort of running out of reasons on why anyone would wait this long," he said.

But there have been waits in the past for winners to step forward.

The biggest jackpot in U.S. history, a \$1.586 billion Powerball prize, was won on Jan. 13, 2016, by buyers in California, Tennessee and Florida. The California winners didn't come forward until about six months later, officials said.

"The larger the prize the longer it takes," said Russ Lopez, from the California Lottery. "That's an amazing amount of money. Their life is going to change."

Back in Simpsonville, theories continue to swirl. Lloyd Hall cuts hair in town. □

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California man cleared after 40 years in prison gets \$21M

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — The city of Simi Valley, California, has reached a \$21 million settlement with a man wrongly imprisoned for nearly 40 years in the killing of his girlfriend and her 4-year-old son. Craig Coley was released in 2017 after he was pardoned by then-Gov. Jerry Brown, who said DNA evidence and re-investigation proved Coley's innocence. Simi Valley officials said Saturday that the agreement would mitigate long, costly and unnecessary legal proceedings, the Los Angeles Times reported. "While no amount of mon-

ey can make up for what happened to Mr. Coley, settling this case is the right thing to do for Mr. Coley and our community," City Manager Eric Levitt said in a statement. The city will pay about \$4.9 million and the rest is expected to be paid by insurance and other sources. The state last year approved a separate, nearly \$2 million payment for Coley. He is now 71. Coley spent 39 years behind bars after he was wrongly convicted of killing 24-year-old Rhonda Wicht of Simi Valley and her son in 1978.

The city's police chief and Ventura County's district attorney asked Brown to pardon him because forensic tests showed Coley's DNA was not on the victim's bedsheet, which contained DNA from an unknown man. Coley had an alibi for the time of the slayings and investigators later disproved testimony from an eyewitness who placed him at the scene. His parents died while he was in prison after mortgaging their home to pay his legal bills. Ron Kaye, an attorney representing Coley, said the settlement offers some clo-



In this Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 file photo, Craig Coley talks with reporters in Sacramento, Calif.

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sure and vindication for his client, though no amount of money can compensate him for the life he missed while imprisoned. "He now can live the rest of his life, which we hope will be really well into the

future, with the security he deserves," Kaye said. Soon after Coley was pardoned, a judge declared him factually innocent. Simi Valley police have not arrested anyone else in the killings. □

Sheriff: 1 body recovered from Texas cargo plane crash site

ANAHUAC, Texas (AP) — Search and recovery crews have recovered one body and the search continued Sunday for two more at the site where a Boeing 767 cargo plane crashed into a coastal bay near Houston with three people aboard. The Chambers County Sheriff's Office said on Facebook that the body was recovered late Saturday from Trinity Bay, just off the waterfront of the small town of Anahuac. Three crew members were on board Atlas Air flight 3591, being operated for Amazon, when it crashed Saturday afternoon. Chambers County Sheriff Brian Hawthorne said Saturday that the plane "went in nose first" and that it was

"probably a crash that nobody would survive." The search resumed Sunday for the remaining two crew members and the all-important "black box" flight recorder that could offer clues to what caused the crash. Civilian volunteers mobilized small boats to help with the search of the northern tip of Trinity Bay called Jack's Pocket. Jason Campbell and two other Anahuac boat mechanics were among the civilian boaters who checked debris for any identification or cellphones on Saturday. What they found was grim. "Pieces of bodies, nothing bigger than ... you know," Campbell told KHOU-TV. "It's obvious it's human

pieces but nothing bigger than you can hold in your hands." The jumbo jet had departed from Miami and was likely moments from landing at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston when witnesses said it crashed nose-first into the bay about 35 miles (55 kilometers) east of Houston. Dave Clark, senior vice president of Worldwide Op-

erations at Amazon, said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the flight crew, their families and friends along with the entire team

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UK leader delays Brexit vote, risks further Cabinet discord

By LORNE COOK

Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May announced Sunday that she is delaying a vote on her Brexit deal in Parliament, saying it should now take place by March 12, a little more than two weeks before the U.K. is due to leave the European Union.

The move has the potential to further sow discord within her Cabinet. Three senior Cabinet members already had suggested Saturday that they may break ranks with her and back amendments to delay Britain's departure unless a deal is agreed upon by Parliament over the next week.

But May told reporters as she traveled to Egypt for an EU-Arab League summit and talks with European Council President Donald Tusk that her negotiating team would return to Brussels on Tuesday for negotiations aimed at wringing concessions out of her reluctant EU partners.

"As a result of that we won't bring a meaningful vote to Parliament this week. But we will ensure that that happens by March 12," she said. Britain is due to leave the EU in just over a month on March 29. The U.K. would be the first country to leave the bloc and the move is full of deep economic and political consequences. But May has been unable to convince the U.K. Parliament to endorse the draft Brexit deal she agreed with the Europeans in November. Any deal must also be endorsed by the European Parliament before the deadline. "It is still within our grasp to leave the European Union with a deal on March 29," May said. An EU official said there had been "no tensions" between May and Tusk during their half-hour meeting. The official, who isn't permitted to speak publicly while the negotiations are ongoing, said that May informed Tusk about the "work and timeline to find a way forward on Brexit."



British Prime Minister Theresa May speaks with the media as she arrives for an EU-Arab summit at the Sharm El Sheikh convention center in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

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Early results: no party secures majority in Moldova ballot

By VADIM GHIRDA

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Associated Press

CHISINAU, Moldova (AP) —

Early results from Sunday's parliamentary elections in

Moldova showed no party secured a majority, a result that could leave the former Soviet republic in limbo between pro-Western and pro-Russia forces.

With one-fourth of the votes counted, the broadly pro-Russia opposition Socialists had 30.1 percent, while the incumbent Democratic Party had 29.2 percent. The pro-European group ACUM was in third with about 20.9 percent.

The election comes as the Democratic Party's governing alliance has lost support over rampant corruption, falling living standards and the erosion of democracy in Moldova, a small landlocked nation between Romania and Ukraine.

President Igor Dodon forecast another election in the coming months. "We have

a major risk of early elections," he said after casting his ballot.

If lawmakers fail to form a governing coalition within 45 days of the election result, the president will dissolve the legislature and call a new vote.

More than 3 million voters were eligible to choose representatives for the next four years to the 101-seat legislature. Parties needed to win a minimum of 6 percent of the ballots to enter Parliament.

Election authorities said voter turnout was just over 49 percent when polls closed.

ACUM party leader Maia Sandu told The Associated Press that the election was "the most undemocratic in the history of Moldova."

"A gang of thieves ... has

captured the state institutions" and are "scaring ... threatening and impoverishing us," Sandu said Sunday as she urged Moldovans to vote.

One voter, Svetlana Druța, said she had voted to change the judicial system. "We need to start from the top and then (change) elementary schools and kindergartens, and then we need a good health" system, she said.

Last year, the European Parliament called Moldova "a state captured by oligarchic interests." The European Union also froze aid to Moldova after a local court invalidated the 2018 Chisinau mayoral election on a technicality, a move to thwart the apparent victory of a pro-European candidate.

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EU, Arab leaders vow to boost security, migration ties

By LORNE COOK
Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — Leaders from European Union and Arab League countries pledged Sunday to boost cooperation in the fight against terrorism and to tackle unauthorized migration at a first-ever summit high in symbolism but likely to yield few concrete results.

Under tight security at the Red Sea resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi opened two days of talks with a speech celebrating what he described as historic cooperation between the two organizations.

But despite the public display of unity, just drafting a summit statement has proved difficult. EU and Arab League foreign ministers failed to agree earlier this month on a text after Hungary objected to the section on migration, and

work on the document is continuing.

In it, the leaders are likely to commit to addressing conflicts in Syria and Yemen or stalled Middle East peace efforts, yet paper over major differences about how to resolve them or who might be responsible.

Some said that merely sitting down together at the same table for the first time is a result in itself.

"The meeting is the message," European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker told reporters, summing up the largely symbolic nature of the summit, while EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said "this summit is, in itself, a deliverable."

Europe's migration challenge is at the heart of the two-day meeting, being held under the slogan "Investing in Stability." Desperate to bring migrant arrivals under control, the EU of-

fered the summit last October as a symbolic sweetener to el-Sissi, much as they did with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in 2015.

The EU wants el-Sissi to order the Egyptian coast guard to pick up migrants leaving Libya and take them back to the African mainland, ensuring they do not become Europe's responsibility.

El-Sissi, in turn, would receive high-profile European recognition, promotion for Sharm el-Sheikh and a muting of criticism of his government's human rights record.

"We must work together — countries of origin, transit and destination — in order to break the business model of smugglers and traffickers who lure people into dangerous journeys and feed modern-day slavery," said EU Council President Donald Tusk. □



Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah El-Sissi, chairs a meeting at an EU-Arab summit at the Sharm El Sheikh convention center in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

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Israel briefly detains senior Muslim official in Jerusalem

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police briefly detained the head of the Islamic authority that oversees Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem early Sunday following recent protests there.

The cleric, Sheikh Abdelazeem Salhab, was appointed to head the Waqf by neighboring Jordan, which strongly protested the arrest. Jordan's minister of Islamic affairs, Abdul Nasser Abul Basal, said the Israeli action was "dangerous and an unacceptable escalation" that affected Jordan's role as the custodian of Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem, according to the Petra news agency.

Israeli police confirmed the arrest Sunday, and the Waqf later said police had released Salhab and banned him from entering the site for a week.

On Friday, Palestinian protesters streamed into a part of the Al-Aqsa mosque compound that Israel had sealed off in 2003 because it was home to a heritage organization allegedly connected with a militant Islamic group. Israeli police accused the Waqf, the Islamic authority that oversees the compound, of attempting to change the status quo at the sensitive site by convening in the closed area last week.

Israeli police said the

crowds that gathered dispersed peacefully after prayers. Tension at the shrine have escalated in recent days with similar protests turning into scuffles with police.

Police have arrested 60 Palestinians in recent days suspected of "causing disturbances" and "inciting violence."

The contested site, revered by Jews as the Temple Mount and by Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, is at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The compound is the third holiest site in Islam and the holiest site for Jews. It has been a flashpoint of violence in the past. □

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Nigeria votes for a 2nd day in places as death toll rises

By CARA ANNA
RODNEY MUHUMUZA
Associated Press

KANO, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria faced a second day of voting in scattered areas on Sunday in a presidential election seen as too close to call, while the death toll from vote-related violence mounted in Africa's largest democracy.

The electoral commission said it was happy that voting was generally peaceful, but it mourned the killing of one of its workers by a stray bullet. At least 39 people have died in extremist and other attacks, said analysis unit SBM Intelligence, citing informants and media reports.

The election worker was killed after completing work in Rivers state in the restive south, with electoral chairman Mahmood Yakubu telling reporters: "May



Torn posters of Nigerian Incumbent President Muhammadu Buhari are seen in Abuja Sunday Feb. 24, 2019.

Associated Press

her soul rest in peace."

He didn't give an overall death toll, saying he was focused on election workers, who faced "intimidation, abduction, hostage-taking and violence."

In one case, he made an urgent phone call to secure the release of workers

and even police taken hostage in Rivers state, he said. All were unharmed.

Voting continued in parts of Abia, Bayelsa, Benue, Plateau, Zamfara and Sokoto states after the process was extended because of various issues.

"Nigerians have demon-

strated extraordinary resilience and abiding faith in the electoral process," Yakubu said.

The national vote compilation center opened in the capital, Abuja, on Sunday evening, with at least one state among Nigeria's 36 already on the way after completing its vote count.

A formal declaration of the presidential winner would come "in the not-too-distant future," the chairman said. Meanwhile, observers warned of potential thuggery as local officials raced to compile votes across the country.

More than 72 million people had been eligible to vote in Africa's most populous country and largest economy.

The election was held a week late after the electoral commission cited several logistical challenges,

including bad weather.

President Muhammadu Buhari, a former military ruler who unseated the incumbent in the 2015 election, seeks a second term against more than 70 candidates. His main rival is Atiku Abubakar, a former vice president and billionaire businessman who has made sweeping claims of reviving an economy still limping back from a rare, months-long recession.

Many Nigerians, appalled that their country recently became the world leader in the number of people living in extreme poverty, said the election will be decided by economic issues. Nigeria slipped into recession under Buhari when global oil prices crashed, with unemployment growing significantly to 23 percent and inflation now above 11 percent. □

At least 150 die from tainted liquor in India's northeast



A doctor attends to a victim, who had consumed bootleg liquor, at a hospital in Jorhat in northeastern state of Assam, India, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019.

Associated Press

By WASBIR HUSSAIN
Associated Press

GAUHATI, India (AP) — At least 150 people have died

and about 200 people have been hospitalized after drinking tainted liquor in two separate incidents

in India's remote northeast, authorities said Sunday.

The victims of one of the most deadly bootleg liquor-related incidents in India were mostly tea plantation workers in Golaghat and Jorhat districts in Assam state, said Himanta Biswa Sharma, the state's health minister.

Assam is India's largest tea-producing state, with more than 1,000 plantations producing more than 50 percent of Indian tea.

The workers consumed the tainted liquor laced with methyl alcohol, a chemical that attacks the central nervous system, on Thursday and started falling

unconscious. They were rushed to nearby hospitals and the death toll rose to 150 by early Sunday, police and health officials said.

Sharma, the minister, said about 200 people who fell sick after drinking the toxic liquor are in hospitals, some in critical condition.

Officials said 50 patients have died in the past 24 hours.

The owner of a local brewing unit and 13 others have been arrested, said top police official Mukesh Agarwal. He said police are pursuing other people believed to be connected to the racket as part of an ongoing investigation.

"We shall not spare anyone involved in manufacture and distribution of the tainted liquor," Minister Sharma said.

Locals vandalized home of one of the arrested. Authorities collected samples for the medical tests.

Deaths from illegally brewed alcohol are common in India because the poor cannot afford licensed brands from government-run shops. Illicit liquor is cheap and often spiked to increase potency.

In India's Uttar Pradesh state earlier this month, about 80 people died from tainted bootleg liquor. □

North Korea leader Kim Jong Un boards train to summit

By **DAKE KANG**

DANDONG, China (AP) — North Korea leader Kim Jong Un was on a train Sunday to Vietnam for his second summit with President Donald Trump, state media confirmed.

Kim was accompanied by Kim Yong Chol, who has been a key negotiator in talks with the U.S., and Kim Yo Jong, the leader's sister, the North's official Korean Central News Agency reported. TV footage and photos distributed by the North's state-run news agency showed Kim inspecting a guard of honor at the Pyongyang station before waving from the train.

Late Saturday, an Associated Press reporter saw a green-and-yellow train similar to one used in the past by Kim cross into the Chinese border city of Dandong via a bridge.

The Trump-Kim meeting is slated for Wednesday and Thursday in Hanoi.

Their first summit last June in Singapore ended without substantive agreements on the North's nuclear disarmament and triggered a months-long stalemate in negotiations as Washington and Pyongyang struggled with the sequencing of North Korea's nuclear disarmament and the removal of U.S.-led sanctions against the North.

Kim's overseas travel plans are routinely kept secret. It could take more than two days for the train to travel thousands of kilometers (miles) through China to Vietnam.

Vietnam's Foreign Ministry announced Saturday that Kim would pay an official goodwill visit to the country "in the coming days" in response to an invitation by President Nguyen Phu Trong, who is also the general secretary of Vietnam's ruling Communist Party.

In his upcoming meeting with Trump, experts say Kim will seek a U.S. commitment for improved bilateral relations and partial sanctions relief while trying to mini-

mize any concessions on his nuclear facilities and weapons.

While Kim wants to leverage his nuclear and missile program for economic and security benefits, there continue to be doubts on whether he's ready to fully deal away an arsenal that he may see as his strongest guarantee of survival.

Last year, North Korea suspended its nuclear and long-range missile tests and unilaterally dismantled its nuclear testing ground and parts of a rocket launch facility without the presence of outside experts, but none of those steps were seen as meaningful cut-backs to the North's weapons capability.

While North Korea has repeatedly demanded that the United States take corresponding measures, including sanctions relief, Washington has called for more concrete steps from Pyongyang toward denuclearization.

Hanoi has been gearing up for the summit with beefed-up security. Officials say the colonial-era Government Guest House in central Hanoi is expected to be the venue for the Trump-Kim meeting, with the nearby Metropole Hotel as a backup. Streets around the two places have been beautified with flowers and the flags of North Korea, the U.S. and Vietnam.

Workers were also putting final touches on the International Media Center. Vietnam's Foreign Ministry says some 2,600 members of the foreign press have registered for the event.

Also expected to land in Vietnam on Sunday was Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that Lavrov will pay an official visit ahead of a Russia-India-China ministerial conference in China, according to Interfax news agency.

Meanwhile, Vietnam has announced a traffic ban along Kim's possible arrival route. The People's

Committee in Lang Son province, where the Dong Dang railway station is located, issued a statement Friday instructing the road operator to clean the highway stretch and suspend road works, among other things, on Feb. 24-28 as "a political task." □



In this Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, photo provided on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un waves from a train before leaving Pyongyang Station, North Korea, for Vietnam.

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Maduro opponents boost military rhetoric in Venezuela crisis

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

CHRISTINE ARMARIO

CUCUTA, Colombia (AP)

— Opposition leader Juan Guaidó has called on the international community to consider "all options" to resolve Venezuela's crisis, a dramatic escalation in rhetoric that echoes comments from the Trump administration hinting at potential U.S. military involvement.

Guaidó's comments late Saturday came after a tumultuous day that saw President Nicolás Maduro's forces fire tear gas and buckshot on activists trying to deliver humanitarian aid in violent clashes that left two people dead and some 300 injured.

For weeks, the U.S. and regional allies had been amassing emergency food and medical kits on Venezuela's borders in anticipation of carrying out a "humanitarian avalanche" by land and sea to undermine Maduro's rule.

With activists failing to penetrate government blockades and deliver the aid, Guaidó announced late Saturday that he would escalate his appeal to the international community — beginning with a meeting Monday in Colombia's capital with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence on the sidelines of an emergency summit of leaders of the so-called Lima Group to discuss Venezuela's crisis.

He said he would urge the international community to keep "all options open" in the fight to restore Venezuela's democracy, using identical language to that of President Donald Trump, who in his public statements has repeatedly refused to rule out force and reportedly even secretly pressed aides as early as 2017 about the possibility of a military incursion.



Colombian soldiers arrive to the Simon Bolivar International Bridge in La Parada, near Cucuta, Colombia, on the border with Venezuela, early Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

Associated Press

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has also stepped up the belligerent rhetoric, saying on CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday that Maduro's "days are numbered."

A close Guaidó ally, Julio Borges, the exiled leader of congress who is Guaidó's ambassador to the Lima Group, was even more explicit in urging a military option. "We are going to demand an escalation of diplomatic pressure ... and the use of force against Nicolás Maduro's dictatorship," he said Sunday.

It's a prospect that analysts warn risks fracturing a hard-won coalition of Latin American nations who've come together to pressure Maduro's socialist government. Most Latin American governments, even conservative ones like those in neighboring Colombia and Brazil, are on the record opposing a military solution and would face huge dissent should they back any military action led by the U.S., whose interventions

in the region during the Cold War remain an open wound.

"These governments know they would face a huge tide of internal opinion greatly offended by a US-led invasion for historical and political reasons," said Ivan Briscoe, the Latin America director for the Crisis Group, a Belgium-based think tank.

At the same time, though polls show Venezuelans overwhelmingly want Maduro to resign, almost an equal number reject the possibility of a foreign invasion to resolve the political impasse.

Resting at the foot of the Simon Bolivar bridge as work crews in Colombia began removing debris left by the unrest, Claudia Aguilar said she would support a military invasion but worries it would lead to more bloodshed.

The 29-year-old pregnant mother of three said she crossed illegally into Colombia on Sunday to buy a bag of rice and pasta for

her family after Maduro ordered a partial closure of the border two days earlier. "We're with fear, dear God, of what will happen," she said standing near the dirt trail she took to sneak across the border. "More blood, more deaths. The president of Venezuela does whatever he wants." In addition to weakening multilateral pressure against Maduro, analysts say the opposition saber rattling also risks undermining Guaidó's goal of peeling off support from the military, the country's crucial powerbroker.

The 35-year-old Guaidó has won the backing of more than 50 governments around the world since declaring himself interim president at a rally in January, arguing that Maduro's re-election last year was illegitimate because some popular opposition candidates were barred from running.

But he's so far been unable to cause a major rift inside the military, despite

repeated appeals and the offer of amnesty to those joining the opposition's fight for power. "How many of you national guardsmen have a sick mother? How many have kids in school without food," he implored Saturday night, standing next to a warehouse where 600 tons of food and medicine have been stockpiled on the Colombian border. "You don't owe any obedience to a sadist ... who celebrates the denial of humanitarian aid the country needs." Maduro has deftly courted support from the military since becoming president in 2013, offering top commanders key posts in his cabinet, including the presidency of state-run oil giant PDVSA, the source of virtually all of Venezuela's dollar earnings.

More than 100 members of the security forces, most of them lower-rank soldiers, deserted and took refuge inside Colombia during Saturday's unrest, according to migration officials. But none of them was higher ranked than a National Guard major, and there's been little suggestion any battalion or division commanders are willing to defect despite almost daily calls by Guaidó and the U.S.

To be sure, there's no indication the U.S. is planning a military invasion and Trump has made a habit of threatening friends and foes alike — China, North Korea and Canada among them — only to dial back the rhetoric down the road. Washington still has more diplomatic tools available, including extending oil sanctions to punish non-American entities that conduct business with Maduro's government in much the way such sanctions strangled communist Cuba for decades. □

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Aruba tourism authority honors goodwill ambassadors Mr. & Mrs. Strandberg: "Aruba is therapeutic to us"

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The honorees were Neil and Michele Strandberg from Long Island, New York and have been visiting our destination for over 25 years together with their five children. Upon the question "Why Aruba?" their answer was straight forward: "We have appointed Aruba as a 'therapeutic' destination from the first time we landed on this beautiful and friendly island".

One of the many reasons for their yearly returning is the hospitality they receive from the people they met for so many years, which makes them feel more like Arubans and less like tourists.

They stated that Aruba is one of the friendliest and happiest destinations they visited so far. While on vacation, they enjoy the gastronomic variety that Aruba



has to offer as well as different on-island activities.

From the Aruba Tourism Authority, Destination Services Manager Mr. Patrick Melchior together with

Chairperson of the Board Mrs. Marieta Ras, Visitor Care Liaison Ms. Marouska Heyliger and Intern Communications Ms. Sharicia Hasham, a special Goodwill Ambassador Award was presented

to certificate the honorees.

They were acknowledged for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their 'home away from home'. □

Tourism drives rise in net foreign assets

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin of December 2018



Monetary developments

Compared to November 2018, money supply expanded in December 2018 by Afl. 24.3 million to Afl. 4,376.9 million, due to a rise in net foreign assets (+Afl. 72.0 million), which was largely offset by a decrease in net domestic assets (-Afl. 47.7 million). The contraction in the domestic component of

the money supply was due to a reduction in domestic credit (-Afl. 48.2 million) and an increase in the non-credit related balance sheet items (+Afl. 0.5 million). The decline in domestic credit was the result of a drop in net claims of the banking sector on the public sector (-Afl. 47.1 million), and to a lesser extent, by less claims of the banking sector on

the private sector (-Afl. 1.1 million).

Claims of the banking sector on the private sector contracted due to decreases in consumer credits (-Afl. 6.4 million) and business loans (-Afl. 0.4 million), while housing mortgages increased (+Afl. 5.0 million). The drop in net claims of the banking sector on the public

sector was caused by a decline in gross claims (-Afl. 14.0 million) and a rise in government deposits (+Afl. 33.1 million).

The increase in the net foreign assets of the banking sector resulted from net purchases of foreign exchange from the public (+Afl. 334.8 million), mainly associated with foreign exchange revenue from tourism exports. This was partially offset by net sales of foreign exchange to the public (-Afl. 262.8 million), related mostly to payments for goods.

Inflation

The consumer price index (CPI) for December 2018 noted a 4.6 percent increase year-over-year (YOY). The main contributors to this rise were the components "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages", "Transport" and "Communication".

Furthermore, by excluding the effect of food and energy, the core CPI grew by 2.8 percent (YOY). The 12-month average inflation rate was 3.6 percent in December 2018, compared to 3.2 percent in November 2018.

Government

Total government revenue amounted to Afl. 144.1 million in December 2018, Afl. 13.8 million less than the same month of the previous year. This outcome resulted from a decline in non-tax revenue (-Afl. 13.9 million), while tax revenue remained unchanged. The latter resulted mainly from an increase in income from turnover tax (+Afl. 9.3 million; introduction of the B.A.V.P as opposed to the same month in 2017), which was mainly offset by decreases in income from land (-Afl. 3.9 million) and transfer taxes (-Afl. 3.5 million). □

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Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu: “It feels like having dinner at home in Peru”



EAGLE BEACH - Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in ‘her home’ as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. “Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic.” Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired.

How It All Started

“Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?” That was the trigger for the start because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. “My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic.” To find her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. “We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook. Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef.”

Chef Table 5 Course Menu

Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. “Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table.” Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres Regiones, and the 2nd the Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!

Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. “A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that’s why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on.” I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne’s place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their web-site <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [así es mi peru](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmiperu). □





Hotel Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

More than a company

IEAGLE BEACH — One of my favorite things about working in small hotel is that you know everyone you work with and they know you, except maybe the night shift people who we don't see much, but still know are there and you'll see at the Christmas party. They become an extended member of the family, people you get to know over time and care about beyond just your professional relationship with them.

People probably don't realize just how deeply connected those of us who work in small hotels are. Whenever someone has been absent for a few days it's not uncommon to start hearing questions about if the person is on vacation or if everything is alright with them or if their shift has changed. There's always a hearty and warm welcome back once you see each other again and trying to get to your work station takes an extra bit of time as you see more people and spend a few minutes chatting and catching up.

Over the years I've gotten used to this little rhythm and routine and it makes coming to work a joy, everyone has their little greetings, jokes and stories to tell. Of course this means that when someone leaves the job for a new opportunity or retirement their presence is very much missed. Passing through the hallways or going to the office where they used to be hits you with a bit of nostalgia.



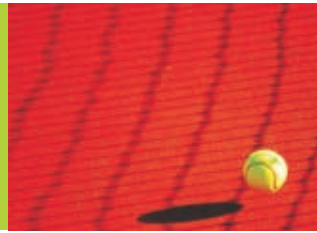
I experienced that the other day when visiting the housekeeping office and for the first time since I can remember, going up there was a quiet affair. One of our housekeeping supervisors, who retired earlier this year, would always be in the office, between breaks on Saturday cracking jokes and telling stories. On the days I would go up to check in and hand off anything that needs to go to the rooms, she would always make me laugh and tell me stop giving the ladies more work. I would offer my services to help in a room and she would often reject me on the grounds of being wholly unqualified to help.

Little moments of interactions like that are what get me and others through a hard work day. Sharing problems and having a listening ear, having someone there to back you up or make a joke with you when you need it most. All these things makes the bond stronger. Like any family we have our ups and our downs, but we're always there for each other. We fight, we make up and we carry on working towards a common goal. The genuine love, care and support we all have for each other is what make us more than just a company. We celebrate each other's success and even if those successes take someone on a path away from our resort we are their biggest supporters. We may not want them to leave, but there's no shortage of updates on how they're doing and Aruba being a small island, we are guaranteed to see them again. When we do the reunion is beautiful and as if no time has passed at all. □



Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.

SPORTS



Brad Keselowski celebrates in victory lane after winning a NASCAR Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, in Hampton, Ga.

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Brad Keselowski shakes stomach bug to win at Atlanta

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Brad Keselowski was so sick at Atlanta Motor Speedway his team had a standby driver on call.

The help wasn't needed. The winningest driver in Team Penske history raced to an unlikely victory Sunday by recovering from a stomach virus to win at Atlanta Motor Speedway. It was the first victory for Ford's new Mustang and a rebound for the manufacturer after Toyota swept the season-opening Daytona 500.

NASCAR debuted its new competition package Sunday that is designed to improve the on-track product and help the smaller teams contend. But the first look at the new rules was tempered because the abrasive asphalt is unlike any other surface NASCAR will race on this season.

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SIXTH SENSE



DJ cruises to 20th career title in Mexico

U.S. golfer Dustin Johnson gestures during Mexican Championship golf tournament at the Chapultepec Golf Club in Mexico City, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

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Kuznetsov's overtime winner lifts Caps over Rangers, 6-5

By IAN QUILLEN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Evgeny Kuznetsov wanted to win so badly Sunday he was even willing to get in Alex Ovechkin's way.

Kuznetsov scored at 4:20 of overtime, just beating his star teammate's stick to the puck, and the Washington Capitals defeated the New York Rangers 6-5 in their return from their longest road trip this season.

"Those two points are really big for us," Kuznetsov said of the victory, which came after Washington twice gave back two-goal leads. "I feel especially today between one and two points it will be a huge difference at the end of the season." Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist tried to block Kuznetsov's pass back to Ovechkin in front of the net.

But the puck trickled away from Lundqvist and into the crease. Ovechkin first attempted to knock it in for what would've been his 45th goal before Kuznetsov guided it across the goal line from inches out for his 16th of the season.

"I don't think it matters who scores, right?" Kuznetsov said. "As long as we got a win."

Nicklas Backstrom scored his 14th and 15th goals as the second-place Capitals moved within two points of the Metropolitan Division-leading New York Islanders, having played two more games.

Tom Wilson added his 17th goal, and Nic Dowd and Michal Kempny also scored for Washington. Pheonix Copley made 26 saves as the Capitals won a day after losing in Buffalo to finish their six-game trip at 3-3-0.

"We know it's a big time of the year," Backstrom said. "The last 20 games here, we need to get going, we need to collect points. We

need to start playing better."

Rangers defenseman Brady Skjei scored multiple goals for the first time in his career, his second tying the game with 31 seconds remaining in regulation. Chris Kreider added his 26th, Jimmy Vesey contributed his 15th, and Vladislav Namestnikov also scored for New York.

Lundqvist stopped 29 shots for the Rangers, who nearly pulled off a surprising victory despite going into the trade deadline Monday in rebuilding mode.

They dealt forward Mats Zuccarello to Dallas on Saturday for a pair of draft picks, and sat forward Kevin Hayes and defenseman Adam McQuaid for a second straight game Sunday. "There's an awful lot of good to take out of tonight," Rangers coach David Quinn said. "The fact that we fought back from two-goal deficits twice. ... We weren't pushed around physically or mentally. These are the things you're going to have to do moving forward to have success."

Backstrom hadn't scored in 12 games entering Sunday, but he gave Washington a 5-3 lead when he beat Lundqvist over his glove from in close early in the third for his second of the game.

Namestnikov redirected Neal Pionk's effort past Copley on a Rangers power play a few minutes later.

While the Capitals killed off another New York man advantage inside the final four minutes, Skjei's deflected shot forced overtime and set off wild celebrations on the visitors' bench after the Rangers emptied their net.

"It's been an emotional 48, 72 hours for everybody," Quinn said. "And that felt really good, that goal." □



Washington Capitals center Evgeny Kuznetsov (92), of Russia, scores the game-winning goal during overtime of an NHL hockey game against New York Rangers center Mika Zibanejad (93), defenseman Brady Skjei (76), and goaltender Henrik Lundqvist, second from right, of Sweden, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, in Washington. Also seen is Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8), of Russia.

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Johnson cruises to 20th career title in Mexico Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Dustin Johnson struggled early, caught a good break from behind a tree and then breezed to his sixth World Golf Championship title Sunday by closing with a 5-under 66 for a five-shot victory over Rory McIlroy in the Mexico Championship. Johnson won for the 20th time on the PGA Tour, making him a lifetime member at age 34.

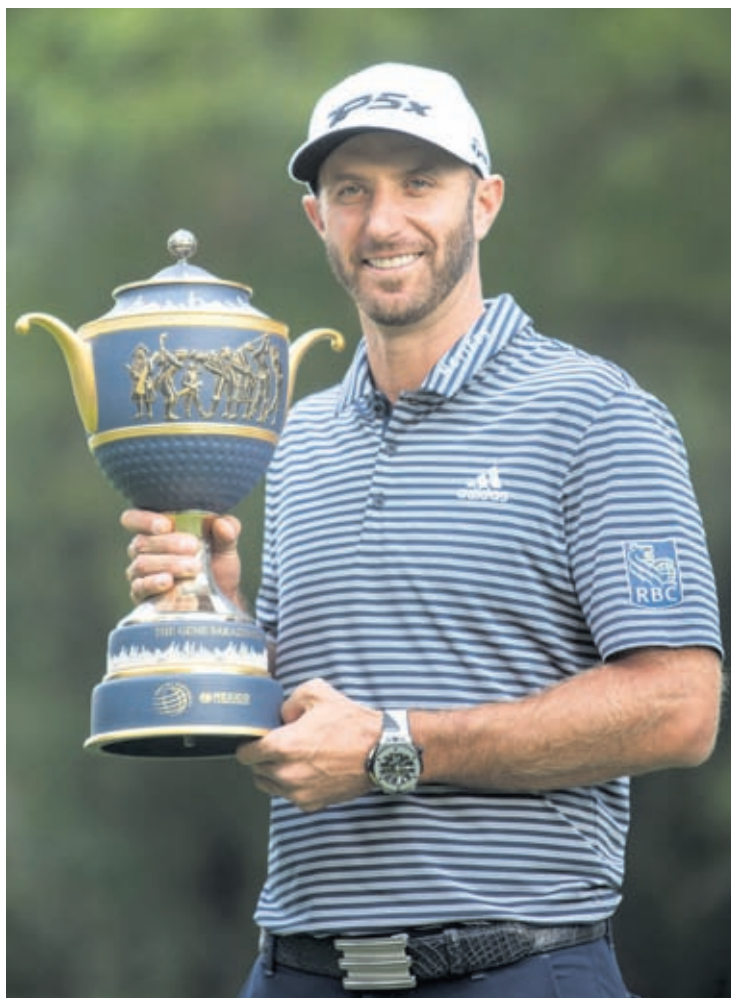
He felt just as good about the way his game is headed. Johnson had said on Thursday he was starting to swing it as well as he did two years ago, when he won three straight tournaments to become the dominant figure in golf until his spill down the stairs on the eve of the Masters led to a back injury.

"This gives me a lot of confidence for the rest of the year," he said.

McIlroy was five behind at the turn and ran off six birdies in a seven-hole stretch before closing with a meaningless bogey for a 67. Johnson was right there with him with five birdies on the back nine.

The only drama came early.

Johnson had to make an 18-foot par on No. 2 to avoid a two-shot swing. He had to make a 6-foot putt to salvage bogey on the next hole, and his lead



U.S. golfer Dustin Johnson poses with his Mexico Championship trophy at the Chapultepec Golf Club in Mexico City, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

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was cut in half in just three holes. Leading by three, the tournament turned on two holes and two trees.

Johnson hit iron off the tee to the right at No. 5 and his ball settled right behind a tree. He called for a ruling, and showed the official that with a shot slightly behind toward the fairway, his right heel was on the

curb of a cart path.

He was given free relief, carved a punch shot under the tree limbs and two-putted from 50 feet for an unlikely par.

"I got a fortunate break there on No. 5 and ended up making a nice par," he said. "Sometimes the rules work to your advantage." On the par-5 sixth, McIlroy

went left and his ball settled behind a tree. He asked for relief and was denied. McIlroy said he wanted to chip away from the fairway to an open area, and when he showed European Tour official Mike Stewart his intended shot, his right foot was on the path. However, to play at that angle, a 4-inch knob on the trunk blocked the path of his club, meaning McIlroy wouldn't be able to make contact.

To play out left-handed, McIlroy would have had to stretch his foot to reach the path. In both cases, relief was denied. Stewart said he asked McIlroy if he wanted a second opinion, and McIlroy declined. He punched out left-handed, and his third shot went into the water, leading to a bogey.

Johnson made an 8-foot birdie, the lead was up to five shots and Johnson took it from there.

Johnson finished at 21-under 263, the lowest score by five shots in the three years at Chapultepec Golf Club. McIlroy continue his solid run. This was his fourth consecutive finish in the top 5, the longest such streak of his career.

Paul Casey (65), Ian Poulter (68) and Kiradech Aphibarnrat (68) tied for third, though they were 10 shots behind.

Tiger Woods got his first

top 10 of the year, but it wasn't all that inspiring. He again struggled on the poa greens of Chapultepec. Over the last two rounds, Woods hit 31 out of 36 greens in regulation and only had scores of 70 and 69 to show for it.

For the second straight day, he declined to speak to reporters and gave comments only to a PGA Tour official.

The best round belonged to Justin Thomas, who closed with a 62 before heading off to the Honda Classic to defend his title. Thomas was 8 under through 10 holes when his tee shot on the par-3 third hole landed inches behind the hole and spun 40 feet away.

Even so, this day was all about Johnson.

It was the eighth time he has built a 54-hole lead of three shots or more, including one year at Pebble Beach when the final round was rained out. Johnson only gave McIlroy a glimmer of hope early, and no hope on the back nine as they matched birdies on three straight holes through the 16th.

Johnson goes to No. 2 in the world by a fraction of a point, and will return to No. 1 the following week based on the two-year computations because neither Johnson nor Justin Rose are playing next week. □

Martin Trainer wins Puerto Rico Open for 1st PGA Tour title



Martin Trainer of California kisses the championship cup after winning the Puerto Rico Open PGA golf tournament in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

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RIO GRANDE, Puerto Rico (AP) — Martin Trainer won the Puerto Rico Open on

Sunday for his first PGA Tour title, closing with a 5-under 67 at windy Coco Beach

Golf and Country Club for a three-stroke victory over four players.

Making his 11th PGA Tour start, Trainer birdied four of the last 10 holes to finish at 15-under 273.

"It's obviously incredible," Trainer said. "I never thought that I would be able to win on the PGA Tour. I managed to do it today and that's just incredible."

The 27-year-old former University of Southern California won twice last year on the Web.com Tour and finished fourth on the money list to earn a spot on the big tour.

"There comes a certain

point where the pressure is like maxed out in your brain and you just do whatever you can to make contact and hit putts forward," Trainer said. "At the end I had no idea if my putts were going to go like four 4 by or 4 feet short. You just have no feel, the pressure is just overwhelming you."

Trainer earned \$540,000 along with a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour and an exemption to the PGA Championship, but didn't get an invitation to the Masters in the event played opposite the World Golf Championships' Mexico Championship.

"I never had the luxury of making a plan, I was just trying to play as many events as I could," Trainer said. "So now I guess that will be a little different, I'll be able to pick and choose where I want to go and have a little more flexibility with my schedule. It's just such a great feeling to be able to have that. I'm just trying to let it sink in."

Third-round leader Aaron Baddeley shot a 72 to tie for second with Daniel Berger (66), Roger Sloan (67) and Johnson Wagner (69). At No. 72, Berger was the highest ranked player in the field. □



KESELOWSKI

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But NASCAR successfully designed a package that slowed the cars and bunched them closer together, which made for intense racing when the field was packed on restarts. The nature of Atlanta's challenging 1.5-mile speedway led drivers to eventually fan out into single file, which NASCAR is trying to avoid, but the racing is expected to improve moving forward.

"I saw a fairly entertaining race," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's chief racing officer. "We didn't know what to expect, either, and we thought this package would showcase itself more once we got to the West Coast. All in all, we are satisfied with the outcome and we've got a lot of work to do to go back and review it."

Keselowski, meanwhile, raced to his 60th win for Roger Penske to pass Indianapolis great Mark Donohue's mark as the team leader. He has won 27 of his 28 Cup victories for Penske.

"Oh, yeah, I forgot about that!" Keselowski said. "I think any win means a lot, but that's a big number. Now I get to wear that yellow Mark Donohue helmet. This day is, wow, I don't even know how to put it in words."

"I'm just excited for this team, first race with the new rules or whatever they're called now, and to be able to win it, that's really special."

Roughly six hours earlier, crew chief Paul Wolfe wasn't even sure Keselowski could go the full 500 miles. "He said he's good to go, so we'll see," Wolfe said as he entered the pre-race driver meeting.

Keselowski arrived shortly after, hopped off a golf cart and jogged into the

meeting. Asked if he felt healthy enough to race, he said only: "I'm here, aren't I?"

Keselowski has proved his toughness before, most notably in 2011 when he won at Pocono just days after breaking his ankle in a crash while testing. This time he fell ill late Friday night after surprising fans in the Atlanta infield with beer during their rainy night of partying.

Keselowski's wife was also sick, and Keselowski missed the start of Saturday's final practice as Austin Cindric turned laps in the No. 2 Ford. Keselowski was able to complete two runs before practice ended, but medical workers took him via golf cart from the garage to receive treatment. "I've got to give a lot to credit to my wife, she was sick just like I was, and she took great care of me along with everybody in the care center," Keselowski said. "I couldn't be here today without them. So thank you."

Martin Truex Jr. finished second in a rebound from his disappointing debut with Joe Gibbs Racing. His three JGR teammates swept the podium in the Daytona 500 while Truex failed to ever contend in his Toyota. He was unhappy after the race because he said lapped traffic slowed his shot at catching Keselowski.

"Just a little upset," Truex said. "We had the best car. We probably should have won that one."

Kurt Busch was third in a Chevrolet for Chip Ganassi Racing while celebrating his 650th career Cup start. Kyle Larson, his Ganassi teammate, led a race-high 142 laps but was taken out of contention by a speeding penalty.

"To finish third ... and to run with the who's who of the sport, it just shows Ganassi has got the right stuff,"

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Brad Keselowski, right, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, in Hampton, Ga.

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Busch said.

Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer rounded out the top-five in a pair of Fords for Stewart-Haas Racing.

Kyle Busch started last but drove through the field to finish sixth a day after he became the Truck Series' all-time wins leader with his 52nd career victory. His JGR teammate Erik Jones was seventh, pole-sitter Aric Almirola finished eighth. Chris Buescher was ninth in a strong finish for JTG-Daugherty Racing, while Daniel Suarez finished 10th in another SHR entry. Ryan Blaney, Keselowski's teammate, led 41 laps until a poor pit stop ruined his race.

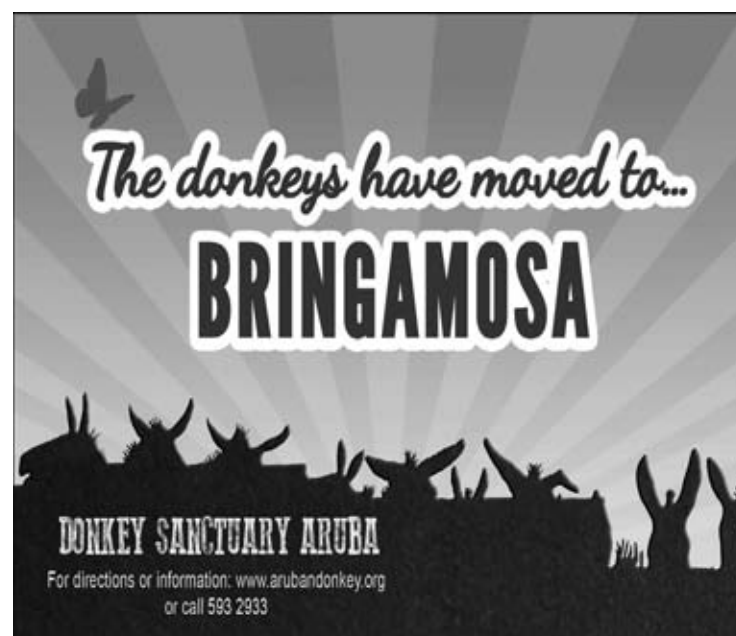
Other items of interest from Atlanta:

LOOK OUT: There was a crash on pit road for the second consecutive race

and B.J. McLeod was in both wrecks. He crashed with teammate Cody Ware as they headed to the entrance to pit road in the Daytona 500. At Atlanta, McLeod was hit by Ryan Preece as Preece was looking at his gauges and didn't

see McLeod in front of him. The contact ended Preece's race.

UP NEXT: NASCAR heads to the West Coast for Sunday's race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Harvick is the defending race winner. □





Norway's Henrik Kristoffersen speeds down the course during a men's World Cup giant-slam, in Bansko, Bulgaria, Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019.

Associated Press

Kristoffersen wins GS but Marcel Hirscher secures World Cup title

BANSKO, Bulgaria (AP) — World champion Henrik Kristoffersen won the third-to-last World Cup giant slalom of the season Sunday but failed to prevent Marcel Hirscher from locking up the season-long title in the discipline.

Hirscher led Kristoffersen by 0.22 seconds after the opening run but he posted only the 12th-fastest time in the final run as Kristoffersen edged him by 0.04 seconds. The French pair of Thomas Fanara and Alexis Pinturault finished third and fourth, respectively.

"I definitely wanted to win the race and put all the eggs in one basket," said Hirscher, who nearly skied out in his attacking final run and had another mistake that cost him time to correct.

"I am second and have to be satisfied."

Kristoffersen also beat Hirscher to capture the world title in Are, Sweden, last week for the Norwegian's first gold medal at a major championship.

Sunday's result reduced Hirscher's lead over Kristoffersen in the GS standings to 218 points, but the Austrian cannot be overtaken anymore with only two giant slaloms left. A race win is worth 100 points.

Hirscher has now won the GS title in five consecutive seasons and six times in total.

It's his 19th career crystal globe for winning a World

Cup season title, matching the men's record of Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark. Only Lindsey Vonn, who has 20, won more globes before retiring two weeks ago.

"Those are some record numbers," said Hirscher, who is expected to earn his 20th title in the upcoming weeks. "They mean a lot to me."

Hirscher is a strong favorite to wrap up his eighth consecutive overall championship, leading Pinturault by 490 points and Kristoffersen by 600 points.

"Points-wise, I have made another huge step," said Hirscher, who could secure the overall title at technical events in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, on March 9-10.

Kristoffersen was back to winning ways on the World Cup circuit after more than a year.

Sunday's win was the 17th of his career but his first since triumphing in a slalom in Kitzbuehel 13 months ago.

"Luck was on my side this time," Kristoffersen said. "We have worked so hard with the giant slalom, pushing and everything. It's really, really good to get a little back from it now."

Kristoffersen won a World Cup GS only once before, in 2015, but has 17 podium results in the discipline.

The men's World Cup next moves to Kvitfjell, Norway, for speed races from Friday through Sunday. □



Philadelphia Phillies' J.T. Realmuto flies out in the fourth inning during a spring training baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates, Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, in Clearwater, Fla.

Associated Press

Mariners' Hernandez gets off to shaky spring start

By The Associated Press

Felix Hernandez says he's all set for a bounce-back season. Now pitching entirely from the stretch, King Felix made his spring training debut Saturday, giving up four runs in 1 1/3 innings as the Seattle Mariners lost to the San Diego Padres 6-4.

The six-time All-Star allowed four hits, only one of them solid. He didn't walk anyone, but hit a batter and threw just 23 strikes in 42 pitches. "The most important thing is that my arm and my body feel good," Hernandez said. "The pitches were moving, the curveball was really good."

Hernandez turns 33 in April and is entering his 15th season in Seattle — and the final year of his seven-year, \$175 million contract. The Mariners hold a team option for 2020.

Long the ace of the Seattle staff, he is coming off the worst year of his career, posting a 5.55 ERA in 155 2/3 innings and being removed from the rotation for the first time in his career.

During the offseason, Hernandez decided to work from the set position.

"I feel good from the stretch. I just feel like I'm go-

ing straight to the plate," he said. "Not too much movement. From the windup, I got to do a lot of stuff."

AROUND THE GRAPEFRUIT AND CACTUS LEAGUES
RED SOX 8, YANKEES 5

Gleyber Torres hit a solo home run for the Yankees. Rafael Devers had two hits for Boston and top prospect Michael Chavis hit a three-run homer.

METS 4, BRAVES 3

Robinson Cano hit a go-ahead single for the Mets and highly touted Pete Alonso homered on the first pitch he saw this spring. Touki Toussaint started for Atlanta, allowing two runs on two hits.

CARDINALS 11, MARLINS 1

St. Louis ace Miles Mikolas pitched two perfect innings. Sandy Alcantara threw two scoreless innings for Miami.

PIRATES 3, PHILLIES 2

Jean Segura went 1 for 3 in his first game with Philadelphia while fellow newcomers Andrew McCutchen and J.T. Realmuto were both hitless in two trips.

ORIOLES 7, TWINS (SS) 2

Chance Sisco hit a three-run homer for Baltimore and rotation hopeful Yefry Ramirez allowed a run

on two hits and two walks in two innings. Jake Cave had two hits for Minnesota's split squad.

TIGERS 4, BLUE JAYS 0

Detroit starter Matt Moore pitched two scoreless innings and Niko Goodrum had a two-run homer. Teoscar Hernandez had two of Toronto's four hits.

ROCKIES 7, DIAMONDBACKS 3

David Dahl doubled twice for Colorado. Colton Welker, drafted by the Rockies in 2016 out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, hit a home run.

Steven Souza Jr. homered for Arizona.

CUBS 8, BREWERS 4

Kris Bryant hit a home run in his first spring at-bat and also singled for Chicago. The former NL MVP worked over the winter to strengthen the left shoulder that robbed him of his typical power last season.

Corey Ray, Milwaukee's first-round draft pick in 2016, homered and doubled.

INDIANS 3, REDS 3, 9 INNINGS

Matt Kemp hit a two-run homer in his Cincinnati debut. Tyler Naquin homered for Cleveland. □

Goodell has wide-ranging powers to fine or suspend Kraft

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has wide-ranging powers to discipline teams, coaches, players, and, yes, owners.

Pending the completion of police investigations in Florida — and likely a league inquiry as well — Goodell could punish New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft for being charged with two counts of soliciting a prostitute.

The 77-year-old Kraft was twice videotaped in a sex act at a shopping-center massage parlor in Florida, police said Friday. The charges come amid a crackdown on sex trafficking in which hundreds of arrest warrants have been issued.

Under the NFL's personal conduct policy that states "ownership and club or league management have traditionally been held to a higher standard and will be subject to more significant discipline," Goodell could fine and/or suspend Kraft from any activities involving the Super Bowl champions. "It is not enough simply to avoid being found guilty of a crime," the policy says. "We are all held to a higher standard and must conduct ourselves in a way that is responsible, promotes the values of the NFL, and is lawful."

Kraft has been accused of misdemeanor charges and might not be required to perform more than community service and attend a course on the harmful effects of prostitution and sex trafficking. Goodell will be judging whether this was "conduct detrimental to the integrity of and public confidence in" the NFL.

He's made many such judgments before — including fining Kraft and the Patriots \$250,000 in 2007 for filming other teams' signals, and \$1 million in 2014 for deflating footballs during the AFC title game. The "Deflategate" case damaged Goodell's close relationship with Kraft, one of his trusted advisers on many NFL matters, including labor and broadcast rights.



In this Nov. 19, 2017, file photo, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, right, talks with New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft before the Patriots face the Oakland Raiders in an NFL football game in Mexico City.

Associated Press

Even though Goodell is employed by the owners, at a cost of about \$40 million annually in salary and bonuses, he views the commissioner's role as one protective of the game and the league. If you embarrass "the shield," you are punished.

So he doesn't often hesitate to discipline wayward owners, basically penalizing his bosses.

Only one of them, the Indianapolis Colts' Jim Irsay, has been suspended by Goodell, who replaced Paul Tagliabue as commissioner in 2006. Irsay acknowledged having a painkiller addiction in 2002 and sought treatment. The DEA investigated, but local prosecutors did not file charges.

Then, in March 2014, Irsay

was arrested near his home in suburban Carmel and was held overnight after he failed sobriety tests and police found prescription medications in his car. The police said the drugs were not associated with any of the prescription bottles found inside.

He was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, along with four felony counts of possession of a controlled substance; police also found \$29,009 in cash. He again sought treatment and in September 2014 pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of driving while intoxicated, agreeing to undergo drug testing for a year. Irsay also acknowledged he was under the influence of the painkillers oxycodone and hydrocodone when he

was arrested.

Irsay drew a six-game suspension and \$500,000 fine from Goodell.

Last year, Jerry Richardson essentially was forced to sell the Carolina Panthers after allegations surfaced of his sexual and racial misconduct in the workplace. Following a six-month investigation by the league, he was fined \$2.7 million by Goodell. Richardson, like Kraft, was a confidant of Goodell's on league business matters.

In 2012, following a long investigation into the New Orleans Saints' bounties system, Goodell fined Saints owner Tom Benson \$500,000 and stripped the team of second-round draft picks in 2012 and 2013. But that was for an on-field issue — as was Kraft's fine for deflated

footballs.

The current Kraft case, of course, has nothing to do with NFL play. It has plenty to do with Goodell's use of his disciplinary powers, and there will be a spotlight shining brightly on whatever decisions he makes. □



YouTube walks a tightrope with its video makers, advertisers

By **RACHEL LERMAN**

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

YouTube's year-in-review video is usually a celebration of video creators who upload free clips — sometimes wacky, sometimes personal, sometimes offensive — that the company then sells ads against.

But this time, the video-sharing network provoked a backlash from creators and viewers with "Rewind 2018," which sidelined many prominent YouTubers in favor of mainstream celebrities and an inclusive, feel-good message.

The snubbed YouTubers and their fans quickly retaliated with a passive-aggressive but potent protest. Within a week, "Rewind 2018" was the most unpopular video on the service, now with more than 15 million dislikes. So intense was the dissent that YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki sort-of apologized and reached out directly to at least one neglected YouTuber.

The outcry highlights the challenges YouTube faces as it tries to navigate the tension between creators who make the videos, some of them controversial, and the advertisers who fuel profits.

YouTube is an increasingly important business for parent company Google. Although Google doesn't break out YouTube revenue, the research firm eMarketer estimates that YouTube ad revenue grew to \$9.5 billion in 2018, up 22 percent from the year before. YouTube makes some of its own videos, but relies heavily on outsiders for the vast majority.

As YouTube grows, it's easier for YouTubers to feel slighted by YouTube's attentiveness to advertisers.



In this Feb. 28, 2017, file photo YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki speaks during the introduction of YouTube TV at YouTube Space LA in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Some saw "Rewind 2018" as an effort by YouTube to present a sanitized version of itself, said Luke Majoinen, who runs the entertainment YouTube channel Joinen, which has more than 200,000 subscribers. "It's pretty much an ad for YouTube."

Video creators disillusioned with YouTube don't have many alternatives. Although there are other options — Snapchat, and an increasingly competitive Instagram — it's still the first place viewers turn to watch videos. And it's the most viable way to make money, Majoinen said.

Creators who have enough subscribers to their video channels — usually more than 1,000 — can apply to get paid a sliding rate when enough viewers watch ads that run with their videos. In her quarterly blog post to YouTubers, Wojcicki acknowledged that her kids found the Rewind video "cringey."

"We hear you that it didn't accurately show the year's key moments, nor did it reflect the YouTube you

know," she narrated in an accompanying video as thumbs-down icons popped up on the screen. "We'll do better to tell our story in 2019."

In particular, the Rewind video appeared to steer clear of some popular but controversial video creators. It featured more than a dozen celebrities who used YouTube to launch their fame, as well as mainstream celebs such as Will Smith and Trevor Noah.

But it excluded one of the top YouTube stars, Felix Kjellberg. The Swedish YouTuber who goes by PewDiePie has 86 million followers. YouTube has distanced itself from him after he made jokes criticized as anti-Semitic and posted Nazi imagery in his videos. YouTube also excluded Logan Paul, who made an infamous video in Japan's Aokigahara forest, sometimes called the "suicide forest," which appeared to show a dead body hanging from a tree and Paul giggling and joking about it.

Kjellberg and Paul have

both apologized for offensive videos. And despite the transgressions, their audiences stayed strong. The pair still hold power on a service where so much is determined by subscriber loyalty.

Many YouTubers responded to Rewind by posting reaction videos expressing their disappointment. Kjellberg made his own version of Rewind, which heavily featured what many thought YouTube's video was missing — himself. (That, and memes.) It garnered more than 7 million likes.

Companies know advertising on YouTube can be risky, but it also attracts an audience that can be otherwise hard to reach, eMarketer principal analyst Paul Verna said.

Advertisers flexed their muscles in early 2017 and began boycotting the site until it could prevent their ads from appearing next to extremist clips promoting hate and violence.

The boycott was short lived, but smaller boycotts have popped up since, including one over the past week

when AT&T, Nestle and Epic Games suspended ads on YouTube while the company worked to quell inappropriate comments that sexualized children on otherwise innocuous videos.

YouTube allows advertisers to choose topics and demographics to target with their ads. But some companies want to see stronger protections against inappropriate videos to assure their ads appear next to safe videos.

YouTube has taken action to protect advertisers, but creators now complain that YouTube's countermeasures results in some of their videos being improperly "demonetized," or classified as not suitable for ads — which means they don't earn money. YouTube didn't respond to a request for comment on demonetization.

YouTube's Wojcicki, however, did respond directly to a PewDiePie video on the subject. In a comment, she pointed creators to an official video explaining demonetization and noting that YouTube still promotes demonetized videos through its recommendation engine.

Majoinen and other creators say they're standing behind YouTube.

"I'm optimistic they'll continue to work on blind spots," said Marques Brownlee, who appeared in the Rewind video and runs a tech review YouTube channel that has 7.8 million followers. His own reaction video to Rewind also noted its advertiser-friendliness.

There is good news for one artist in all this — Justin Bieber no longer has the most disliked video, a title he previously held for the music video of his song "Baby." □

China to use facial recognition to thwart scalpers

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese hospitals are using facial recognition to identify people who sell doctors' appointments at an illegal markup, the latest application of an emerging technology that is being used in

places to tighten Communist Party control over the country's 1.4 billion people. More than 30 hospitals in Beijing have installed the technology and have already identified more than 2,100 individuals who ap-

pear regularly to make appointments, then turn around and sell them to others for a profit, state media said Sunday. Chinese public hospitals require patients to line up for appointments on the day they wish

to see a doctor, creating a lucrative secondary market for scalpers to sell them better numbers and save on waiting time.

China's markets are rife with counterfeit goods and fraud, and China has been

aggressively applying facial recognition technology in everything from distribution of toilet paper by public lavatories to identifying jaywalkers — virtually in real time. □

Buffett encourages investors to bet on American economy

By JOSH FUNK

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Billionaire Warren Buffett says the company he built through decades of acquisitions continues to perform well even though he hasn't found any major deals at attractive prices recently. Buffett released his annual letter to Berkshire Hathaway Inc. shareholders on Saturday. He wrote that investors should continue betting on the American economy because Berkshire has prospered by doing so, but that they shouldn't forget about the rest of the world.

"There are also many other countries around the world that have bright futures. About that, we should rejoice: Americans will be both more prosperous and

safer if all nations thrive," Buffett wrote. "At Berkshire, we hope to invest significant sums across borders." Buffett's letter is always well-read in the business world because of his remarkable track record, his habit of dissecting the economy or other topics and his talent for explaining complicated subjects in plain language. But in recent years he has simplified his letters and focused mostly on Berkshire's businesses. The sage advice and wit that used to make Buffett's letters must-read publications is now reserved mostly for the company's annual meeting and interviews.

"To me, it's becoming less of an event," Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan said of the letter.

Buffett wrote that the two



In this May 5, 2018 file photo, Warren Buffett, Chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, is seen during a tour of the exhibit floor at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb.

Associated Press

potential successors he promoted last year to oversee most day-to-day operations are doing well, but the 88-year-old tycoon made no mention of retiring.

Longtime Berkshire executives Greg Abel and Ajit

Jain joined the company's board last January and took on additional responsibilities. Jain now oversees all of the conglomerate's insurance businesses while Abel oversees all of the conglomerate's non-insur-

ance business operations. "These moves were overdue," Buffett said. "Berkshire is now far better managed than when I alone was supervising operations. Ajit and Greg have rare talents, and Berkshire blood flows through their veins." Buffett wrote that Berkshire continues to hold roughly \$130 billion in cash and short-term investments because he hasn't found any reasonably-priced acquisitions in recent years, so he'll likely continue investing more in stocks.

"Prices are sky-high for businesses possessing decent long-term prospects," he wrote. The company also has major investments in such companies as Apple, American Express, Coca-Cola and Wells Fargo & Co. □

Saks Fifth Avenue president talks about luxury

NEW YORK (AP) — Saks Fifth Avenue President Marc Metrick wants to bring theater to luxury shopping at a time when shoppers can buy their designer handbags online.

Under his leadership, Saks is in the last phase of what he calls a \$250 million redevelopment of the storied Saks Fifth Avenue flagship in Manhattan just as luxury rivals Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom expand into the city. Metrick, who took over the helm of Saks in April 2015, aims to reinvent the department store experience. He's added a fancy Parisian restaurant import, and is dedicating the main floor to luxury handbags that's staffed with handbag style advisers in addition to the sales associates. Last year, he relocated the beauty department from the first floor to the second floor, while adding luxurious treatment rooms, new brands, and more beauty services. The remaining 40 Saks stores are getting touches that include warmer lights and lower lines of sight. Some stores' beauty areas are offering expanded treatment services. Online, shoppers can

connect with style advisers in the same market.

The moves come as Saks Canadian parent Hudson's Bay Co. has floundered, but the Saks business has been a bright light, even though it shuttered its much-hyped women's store at Brookfield Place in downtown Manhattan after two and a half years. In the latest quarter ended Nov. 3, 2018, Saks Fifth Avenue enjoyed a 7.3 percent increase in sales at stores opened at least a year.

Metrick, 45, spoke with The Associated Press about competition and his outlook. Questions and responses have been edited for length and clarity.

Q. How are the renovations at your flagship part of the chain's overall strategy?

A. We are calling it the new luxury. As it relates to the customer, it's everything about how they experience our store, how they experience our website, how we communicate with them. I think the New York flagship store serves two purposes. It's a beacon for everything we do at Saks on brand and our positioning in the world. It also acts as the first stop along

the way for rolling out concepts for the other stores.

Q. Did new competition spark renovation of the flagship?

A. We are always going to be spending money and investing in our flagship store. It's a very important part of our business, but the size and the scale of what we are doing was in response to competitive entry. I learned from having my Brookfield store down here. First, you can't bring a branch store to New York

City. The New York City customer wants a flagship type of experience. In New York City, you cannot bring a knife to a gun fight.

Q. What's the reason for shoppers to come to Saks stores?

A. I believe luxury is theater... Friends of mine who are in banking or are doctors always say to me, why would I want to buy something in your store, when I can buy it online? And I say to them, why don't you just stream "Hamilton" on Netf-

lix?

Q. What's your outlook?

A. I would call my mood cautiously optimistic... There's a fairly tight correlation between the Dow Jones Industrial Average and our business. I still feel pretty good. I am excited about what's ahead for us.

Q. What's been the impact of the trade wars with China on your business?

A. We are monitoring the situation, but there has been no impact to our business. □



In this Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, photo Saks Fifth Avenue President Marc Metrick rides the escalator inside the company's flagship midtown Manhattan store, in New York.

Associated Press

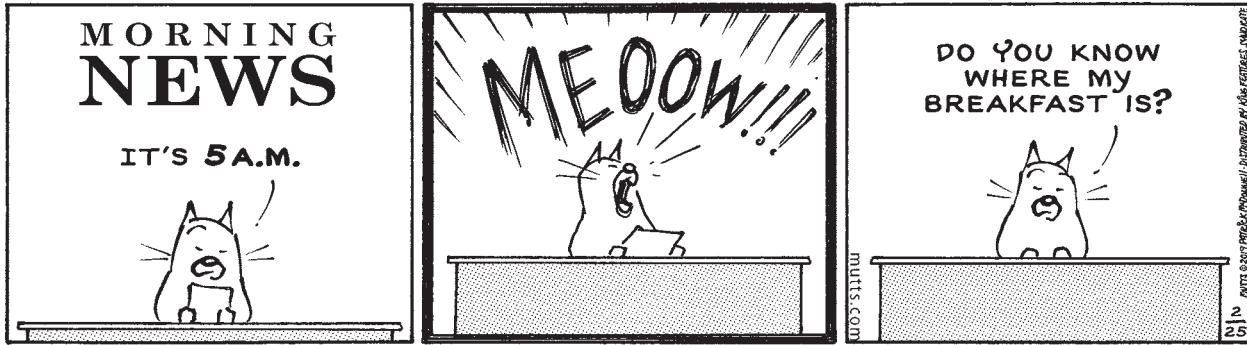
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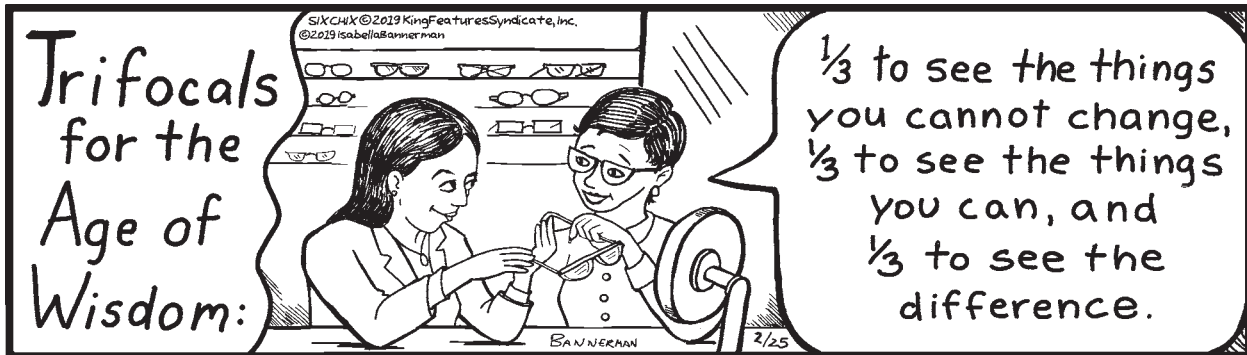
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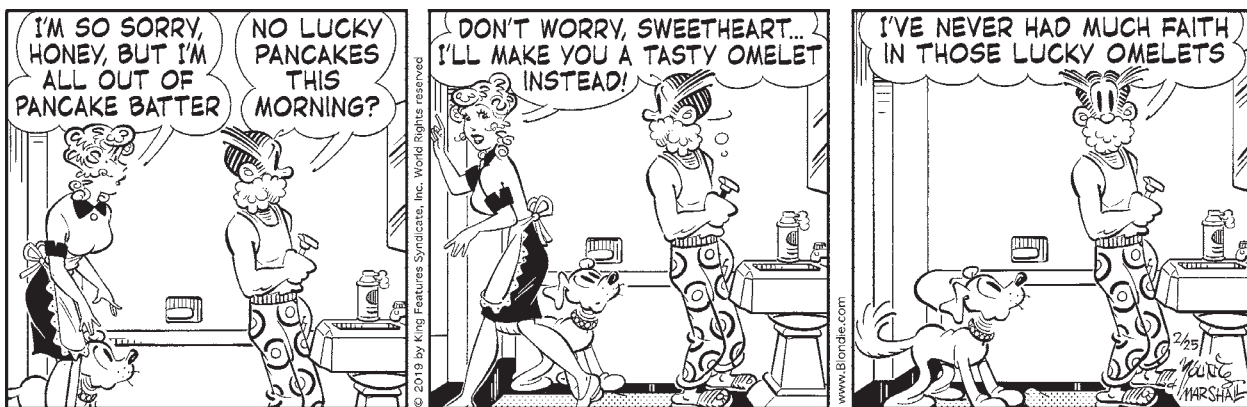
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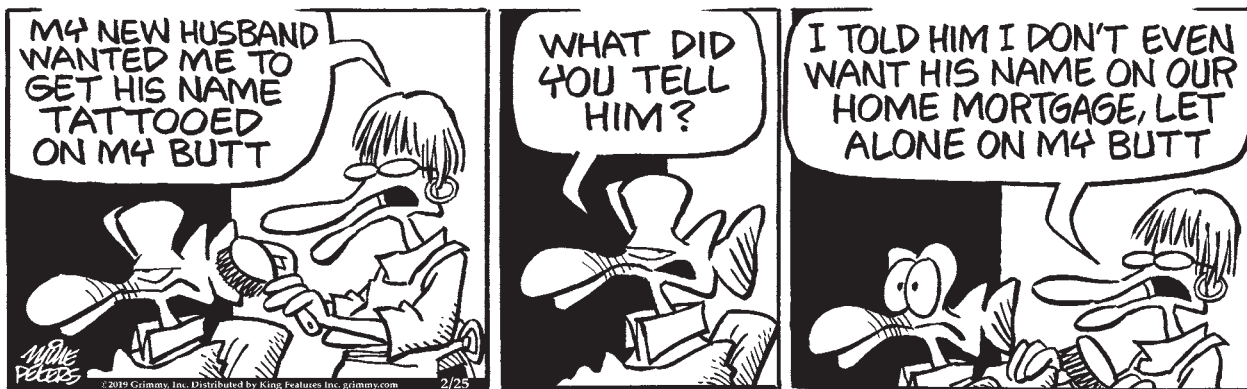
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Difficulty Level ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

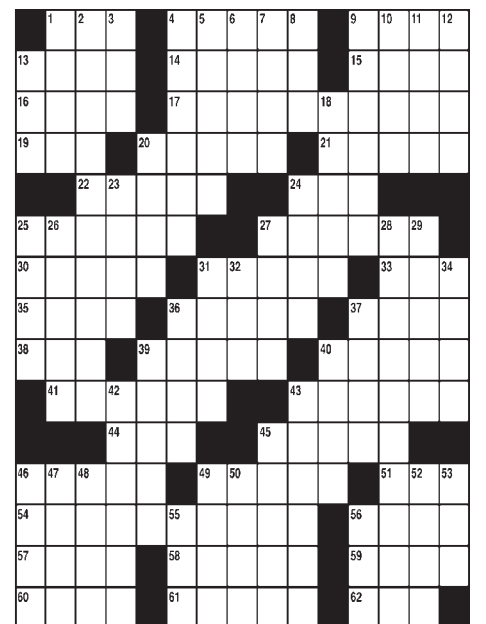
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ACROSS

- 1 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
4 Idaho exports
9 ___ down; decelerate
13 Ran fast
14 Asian capital city
15 Residence
16 Beer barrels
17 Still faulty
19 ___ nutshell; briefly
20 Jobs or Harvey
21 Kilns
22 Anklebone
24 Signal to an actor
25 Make a mistake
27 Team defeats
30 Crowbar
31 Tranquility
33 Kook
35 Gung ho
36 Public square
37 Recipe verb
38 Affirmative
39 "Mine eyes have seen the ___"
40 Author Jules ___
41 Give a job to
43 Go back on a promise
44 Decay
45 Black-and-white mammal
46 Chocolate pod
49 Liquid
51 Strike lightly
54 Honest
56 Exhale audibly
57 Navy or indigo
58 Get up
59 Pay attention to
60 Collections
61 Venomous viper
62 Suffix for govern or giant

DOWN

- 1 Daytime shop window sign
2 Cynic's attitude
3 Promos
4 "Be quiet!" (less politely)
5 Window pieces
6 TCU or UCLA
7 Capitol roof
8 Drink slowly
9 Pushes roughly
10 "All You Need Is ___"; Beatles hit
11 Foreboding sign
12 Gives up the single life
13 Enjoy a winter sport
18 Waken
20 Insulting remark
23 Ridiculed
24 ___-Cola
25 Murder
26 Embankment
27 Sluggish
28 Pleas
29 Taking to court
31 Stratagem
32 In one ___ and out the other
34 Hickory or hemlock
36 Story line
37 ___ away; dismiss
39 Sphere of the world
40 Sell on the street
42 Shows to be true
43 Oakland athlete
45 Handbag
46 Taxis
47 Suffix for break or profit
48 Defeat decisively
49 20th-century U.S. president
50 ___ down; deposited
52 Matures
53 Prof's degree
55 Pasture cry
56 "Murder, ___ Wrote"



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

SAFE	OMAHA	ABLE
LIED	POLAR	BRAG
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PSI	SOSO	HEEDS
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WANTS	STAGE	MOO
NCIS	DIANE	SPUD
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Halley Time Travel

Divi Village

1 BR WK # 8 & 9
21 & 25 weeks remain
\$9000 each

Divi links Golf

1 BR WK# 8 & 9
27 weeks remain
\$9000 each

Eagle Resort & Casino

1 BR WK # 5,6,7,8
Ground floor \$7000 each
1 BR WK 7 & 8 \$7000 each

Dutch Village

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House For Sale

Catiri

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Ponton
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Marriott Ocean Club

Platinum
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2 BR Ocean View \$16,000
2 BR Ocean Front \$24,000

Aruba Divi Phoenix

2 BR Penthouse WK # 11 & 12
Building 9 the 7th floor
27 weeks remain \$25K each
Property land for sale
Savaneta on the main road
1050 m2 \$110.000 american
dollars

Divi Links Golf

1 BR WK 11 & 12
26 weeks remain each
\$9000 each
Studio Wk 11
26 weeks remain \$8000

House for sale

Opal

3 bedroom , 2 bath \$ 325K

Aruba Divi Phoenix

1 BR WK # 11
Building 7 3rd floor
34 weeks remain \$16K

Marriott Surf Club

2 BR Garden Vie w \$14,000
2 BR Ocean View \$ 15,000
2 BR Ocean Side \$16,000
2 BR Ocean Front \$ 27,000
3 BR Ocean View \$26,000

La Cabana Beach & Casino

1 Br Wk # 11 & 12
4th floor pool/Ocean view
Sunday check in \$ 18, 000 both
Divi Village
Studio WK # 6
22 weeks remain \$8000

Renaissance Suites

1 BR WK # 9 \$9500
4th Floor Harbor/Ocean View
Aruba Divi Phoenix
Studio wk # 9
building 6
5th floor \$9000
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Why do zebras have stripes? Perhaps to dazzle away flies

By DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Zebra stripes are dazzling — particularly to flies.

That's the conclusion of scientists from the University of Bristol and the University of California at Davis who dressed horses in black-and-white striped coats to help determine why zebras have stripes.

The researchers found that fewer horseflies landed on the cloaked horses than on the ones without striped coats, suggesting that zebra stripes may offer protection from blood-sucking insects that can spread disease.

"This reduced ability to land on the zebra's coat may be due to stripes disrupting the visual system of the horse flies during their final moments of approach," said Martin How, a research fellow at the University of Bristol. "Stripes may dazzle flies in some way once they are close enough to see them with their low-resolution eyes."

From a distance, the flies were equally attracted to both horses and zebras, with the same number of insects hovering around



In this undated photo issued by University of Bristol, England, showing a horse wearing a zebra striped coat.

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both types of animals. But when the flies got closer, things get dicey. The flies landed less frequently on the zebras and the horses covered in striped coats.

"Once they get close to the zebras, however, they tend to fly past or bump into them," said Tim Caro, a professor in the U.C. Davis Department of Wildlife, Fish

and Conservation Biology. "This indicates that stripes may disrupt the flies' abilities to have a controlled landing."

The work, reported in the journal *Public Library of Science ONE*, seeks to answer one of the oldest questions in zoology — why do zebras have stripes? Charles Darwin had his theories. So did

British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace.

But the scientists from Britain and California sought to examine that question by studying both horses and zebras at the Hill Livery in Britain, which works with zoos in Europe on conservation for zebras. That provided a controlled environment where the horses

could be dressed up and closely observed to test the theory.

"It's one of those pieces of research that you say, 'why hasn't someone done this before?'" said Tim Woodfine, the director of conservation at Marwell Wildlife in southern England. He did not take part in the study. "It's simple and neat. I think it's a great piece of work," he said.

How, an expert on animal vision, told The Associated Press on Thursday there are reasons to be "quite excited" about the research, which he said helps scientists understand what's happening in the mind of a fly.

The insights have broader implications for technology such as driverless cars, which are inspired by insect vision. If stripes disrupt a fly, they might also disrupt a driverless car's systems, according to How.

"What we needed to do is get our mind into the eye of the fly," How said. "They have very different eyes from us." "We've been arguing about zebra stripes for 75 years," said McAlister, who was also not involved in the study. □



This photo release by the Galapagos National Park, shows a *Chelonoidis phantasticus* tortoise at the Galapagos National Park in Santa Cruz Island, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019.

Associated Press

Tortoise feared extinct found on remote Galapagos island

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A living member of species of tortoise not seen in more than 110 years and feared to be extinct has been found in a remote part of the Galapagos island of Fernandina. An adult female *Chelonoidis phantasticus*, also known as the Fernandina Giant Tortoise, was spotted Sunday by a joint expedition of the Galapagos National Park and the U.S.-based Galapagos Conservancy, Ecuador's Environment Ministry said in a statement.

Investigators think there may be more members of the species on the island because of tracks and scat they found. The team took the tortoise, likely more than 100 years old, to a

breeding center for giant tortoises on Santa Cruz Island where it will stay in a specially designed pen.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature has the Fernandina Giant Tortoise listed as critically endangered and possibly extinct.

The only other living member of the species was found in 1906, the group said. Since then, expeditions have encountered tortoise scat and bite marks on cacti, and there was a possible unconfirmed sighting in 2009.

But Sunday's discovery was the first confirmed sighting and together with the possibility of finding more members of the species has raised the possibility of

breeding.

"They will need more than one, but females may store sperm for a long time," said Stuart Pimm, a professor of conservation ecology at Duke University. "There may be hope."

Fernandina is the third largest Galapagos island and features the La Cumbre volcano, one of the most active in the world. The archipelago lies in the Pacific Ocean about 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) off Ecuador's mainland.

In listing the Fernandina tortoise as possibly extinct, the conservation group said on its website that the species may have succumbed to "the frequent volcanic lava flows that nearly cover the island." □



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Kristofferson, Dolly producer Fred Foster died at age 87

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nashville producer Fred Foster, who produced some of Roy Orbison's most popular records and was the first to produce records from Kris Kristofferson and Dolly Parton, has died. He was 87.

His publicist, Martha Moore, said Foster died Wednesday in Nashville, and that a memorial service will be held later.

Born in 1931 in North Carolina, Foster helped launch the careers of many hit country artists and was a major supporter of some of Nashville's biggest songwriters. He also worked with artists like Tony Joe White, Willie Nelson, Charlie McCoy and Jeannie Seely. In the 1960s, he moved his record label, Monument Records, from Washington, D.C., to Nashville.

Foster was the first to see the potential in a young singer-songwriter from East Tennessee named Dolly and got her songs cut by other artists, as well as recording and releasing her own material. But it wasn't until she started appearing on Porter Wagoner's TV show that she became popular.

"I am heartbroken that my friend Fred Foster has passed on," Parton said in a statement on Thursday. "Fred was one of the very first people to believe in me and gave me chances no one else would or could. We've stayed friends through the years and I will miss him. I will always love him."

"It's a gift, being able to sense something unique in somebody, and that's what I aimed for, always," said Foster in 2007. "Anybody that dropped a needle on a groove of a Monument record, I wanted them to immediately know, 'Oh, that's Dolly Parton,' or 'That's Roy Orbison.' It had to be unique."

Foster also owned a publishing company, Combine Music, and Kristofferson was one of his hires, a Texas-born athlete and Army veteran who loved William

Blake. He had been trying to break through as a songwriter, even working as a janitor in a Music Row recording studio. After hearing some of his songs, Foster said he would only hire Kristofferson as a songwriter if he also signed a record deal.

"He was so intelligent, so gifted, so talented and he didn't sound like anybody I had ever heard," Foster told The Associated Press in 2016, the same year Foster was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Foster is credited as co-writer on Kristofferson's hit song, "Me and Bobby McGee." Foster came up with the idea to name a song after a female secretary in his building, whose name was Bobbie McKee. Kristofferson told the magazine "Performing Songwriter" that he was inspired to write the lyrics about a man and woman on the road together after watching the Federico Fellini film, "La Strada."

Janis Joplin, who had a close relationship with Kristofferson, changed the lyrics to make Bobby McGee a man and cut her version just days before she died in 1970 from a drug overdose. The recording became a posthumous No. 1 hit for Joplin.

In the early 1960s, Foster helped Roy Orbison become an international star with his recordings on Monument. Orbison was an unlikely rock 'n' roller with his falsetto and penchant for wearing dark sunglasses and black suits. His singles on Monument were dark and emotional, backed by soaring strings and doo-wop backing vocals. Some of the classic Orbison songs released by Monument include "Only the Lonely," "Oh, Pretty Woman," and "Crying."

"Oh, Pretty Woman" sold more than 7 million copies in 1964 and earned Orbison his first Grammy nomination for best rock & roll recording.

Foster continued to work as a producer throughout his life, never really slowing down. He produced "Last of the Breed," a 2007 col-



In this Oct. 12, 2009 file photo, Fred Foster speaks as he is inducted into the Musicians Hall of Fame at the Musicians Hall of Fame awards show in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

laborative album between Ray Price, Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson that resulted in a Grammy win for Price and Nelson for best country collaboration with

vocals. At 85, he worked on a Price tribute album for Nelson, called "For the Good Times," that was released in 2016.

"If I don't know more at 85

than I did at 75, I am not learning very fast, am I?" Foster said then. "I think I'm probably a better producer today than I have ever been." □



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'How to Train Your Dragon' tops Oscar weekend with \$55.5M

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World" breathed some fire into a slumping box office with a franchise-best \$55.5 million debut over Oscar weekend.

Writer-director Dean DeBlois' third and supposedly final installment in the "How to Train Your Dragon" series notched the best opening of the year in U.S. and Canadian theaters.

Going into the weekend, overall ticket sales for 2019 were down 18 percent, according to Comscore, throwing cold water on the record box office of 2018.

But as Hollywood was set to gather for the Academy Awards on Sunday, "The Hidden World" lent the industry some good news — albeit not a hint at all of the magnitude of what that was in theaters last Oscar weekend when "Black Panther" was the top film.

Made for \$129 million, "The Hidden World" rode good reviews (91 percent fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and warm audience reaction



This image released by Universal Pictures shows characters Astrid, voiced by America Ferrera, left, and Valka, voiced by Cate Blanchett, in a scene from DreamWorks Animation's "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World."

Associated Press

(an A CinemaScore) to exceed the \$43.7 million opening of the 2010 original (which ultimately made \$494.9 million worldwide) and the \$49 million opening of the 2014 sequel (which amassed \$621.5 million).

The latest installment, which similarly features the voices of Jay Baruchel, America Ferrera and Cate Blanchett, is the first DreamWorks Animation release under the Comcast-owned Universal, which bought Jeffrey Katzenberg's company in 2016. Universal trotted

out "The Hidden World" abroad first. It's been in release internationally since January, earning \$216.9 million through Sunday.

Last week's top film, "Alita: Battle Angel," dropped steeply in its second weekend with \$12 million. That's a slide of 58 percent, and further trouble for the 20th Century Fox release from producer James Cameron and director Robert Rodriguez. The sci-fi film cost a hefty \$170 million to make. But "Alita" is doing better overseas. It grossed \$92.4

million internationally over the weekend, boosted by Fox's biggest opening ever in China. It was the no. 1 film there with \$62.3 million in ticket sales. MGM's "Fighting With My Family," about professional wrestling star Saraya "Paige" Bevis, was the only other new film in wide release. It expanded to 2,711 theaters after a limited release last weekend, grossing a modest \$8 million. Directed by Stephen Merchant, "Fighting With My Family" stars Florence Pugh as Bevis and features

a cameo supporting performance from Dwayne Johnson, an executive producer on the film. With an \$11 million budget, it's a far smaller film than Johnson is typically a part of.

There was little of an Oscar bump for the Academy Awards nominees heading into Sunday's show. Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma" is tied for the most nominations with 10 but, as a Netflix release, it has been mostly streamed. Netflix has declined to give box-office figures for its theatrical release. The major theater operators have refused to screen Netflix films since they don't adhere to the traditional 90-day theatrical exclusivity window. Of the nominees still in theaters, Peter Farrelly's "Green Book" fared the best, grossing \$2.1 million on its 15th weekend. The best picture-nominated interracial road trip drama has grossed \$69.6 million through Sunday, including \$27.1 million since Oscar nominations were announced. That dwarfs the post-nominations hauls of all other contenders. □

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UK's Yola sings vintage country-soul on debut album



This album cover released by Easy Eye Sound shows "Walk Through Fire," a release by Yola.

Associated Press

By PABLO GORONDI

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Yola, "Walk Through Fire"

(Easy Eye Sound)

Yola's "Walk Through Fire" is a scrumptious period piece

of an album, its strings, harpsichords, steel guitars, electric pianos and harmoniums evoking the sophisticated country and soul of the late '60s of Dusty Springfield or, more recently, Nick Lowe.

The record's style is also the work of Dan Auerbach (Black Keys), who lately has done similarly successful vintage productions for Dr. John, Robert Finley and Shannon Shaw.

Recorded in Auerbach's Easy Eye Sound Nashville studio with aces (Gene Chrisman, Bobby Wood, Billy Sanford, Russ Pahl) whose resumes include a genuine roster of music legends, the songs achieve a natural dose of authenticity, even though they're originals written by Yola and Auerbach, with Wood and other collaborators. □

Curtain set to go up on a host-less but drama-filled Oscars

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A winter of discontent for the Academy Awards will culminate Sunday in an Oscar ceremony that may lack a host but isn't missing intrigue.

The run-up to the 91st Academy Awards has been a series of missteps and backtracks by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. A new best "popular film" category was in, and then it was out. Kevin Hart was host and then he wasn't. Some categories were removed from the live broadcast, and then they were back.

But if the script this Oscar season has been constantly rewritten, the film academy is hoping for a Hollywood ending (and much better ratings than the all-time low viewership last year.) ABC's telecast will begin at 8 p.m. EST following the usual red carpet festivities. The show is available for livestream via ABC in some cities to users with a participating TV provider. After some unlikely Los Angeles weather — to much local fanfare, it snowed in parts of the city on Thursday — sunny skies are expected for red carpet arrivals.

Producers Donna Gigliotti and Glenn Weiss have pledged that the show will be speedier this year, even though its initial goal of a three-hour broadcast has faded. Kicking things off will be a performance by Queen, featuring Adam Lambert, to celebrate the best picture-nominee "Bo-



In this Feb. 4, 2019 file photo, an Oscar statue appears at the 91st Academy Awards Nominees Luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

hemian Rhapsody."

In the academy's favor is a popular crop of nominees: "Bohemian Rhapsody," "A Star Is Born" and, most of all, "Black Panther" have all amassed huge sums in ticket sales. Typically, when there are box-office hits (like "Titanic"), more people watch the Oscars.

But just how many people have seen one of the top nominees and the film favored to win best picture — Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma" — remains unknown. Netflix has declined to give box-office results or steaming viewership. It remains a nominee unlike any other. Should "Roma" — a black-and-white, Spanish and Mixtec language film about a domestic worker in a Mexican family — win, it

will be both the first Netflix movie to win best picture and the first foreign language film to do so.

Yet this year's race has been maddeningly unpredictable, with the usual predictive awards being spread across contenders such as Peter Farrelly's "Green Book," a divisive period dramedy about a black pianist (Mahershala Ali) and his white chauffeur (Viggo Mortensen); the royal romp "The Favourite"; and Ryan Coogler's Marvel sensation "Black Panther," which could become the first superhero film ever to win Hollywood's top award. Other milestones are possible, too. Though Cuarón is favored for best director, a win for Spike Lee ("BlacKkKlansman") would make

him the first black filmmaker to ever win the award. Lee has said he likes his film's underdog position as a "dark horse — pun intended." Lee and his fellow screenwriters are also up for best screenplay, which would give the 61-year-old Lee his first competitive Oscar.

Many also expect Glenn Close, in her seventh nomination, to finally win one. She's the front-runner for best actress for her performance in "The Wife," a film about the overlooked and under-honored spouse of an acclaimed novelist. Though Lady Gaga began the season as the favorite, Close has won a string of awards leading up to the Oscars, including at Saturday's Independent Spirit Awards where she brought

her dog, Pip, along as a date.

One virtual lock: Marvel will win its first Oscar. Though "Black Panther," up for six awards and could win in a number of categories, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" is considered the overwhelming favorite for best animated film.

Last year's Oscars followed the rise of the #MeToo movement, the launch of the gender equality group Time's Up and the downfall of Harvey Weinstein. A year after best-actress winner Frances McDormand urged the adoption of an "inclusion rider" (a contractual stipulation for the diversity of a film's cast and crew), numerous production companies, stars and one studio (Warner Bros.) have made similar pledges. How much gender equality will be discussed at this year's Oscars is unclear. Many have criticized this year's selections for lacking a female nominee in the best director category (Greta Gerwig was the fifth ever last year) or a best picture nominee directed by a woman. Recent studies have shown that Hollywood improved on many counts in diversity and gender parity in 2018, but remains far from equitable for women and people of color.

In the last few years, the academy has considerably increased its membership in an effort to diversify its ranks, which have historically been overwhelmingly white and male. □

Sasha Sagan, daughter of Carl Sagan, has book out in October

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sasha Sagan, daughter of the late Carl Sagan, is working on a book her publisher is calling "part memoir, part guidebook and part social history."

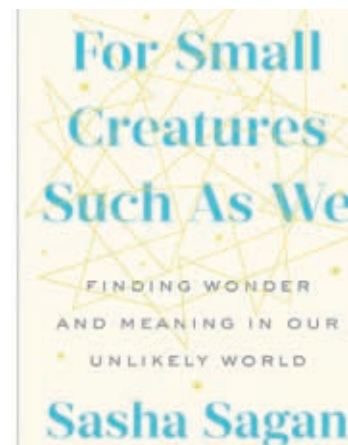
G.P. Putnam's Sons announced Thursday that Sagan's "For Small Creatures Such As We: Finding Wonder

and Meaning in Our Unlikely World," is coming out in October.

She will share memories of her father, the famed astronomer, and explore her beliefs in the prevalence of science and the natural world. She will also write about how she and her husband created "new, secular rituals" when they

became parents.

Sasha Sagan is a writer, filmmaker and producer. Her book is drawn from a widely read essay, "Lessons of Immortality and Mortality From My Father, Carl Sagan," that she wrote for New York Magazine in 2014. □



This combination of photos released by G.P. Putnam's Sons shows a cover image for the book, "For Small Creatures Such As We: Finding Wonder And Meaning In Our Unlikely World," and a portrait of author Sasha Sagan.

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